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KDOT to make bridge repairs on U.S. 54

Monday, Sept. 24, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) expects to begin a resurfacing project on the Owl Creek Bridge on U.S. 54 in Woodson County. The bridge is four miles east of the U.S. 75/54 junction at Yates Center.

According to KDOT Iola Area Construction Engineer Jerod Kelley, project activities include repairing and resurfacing the bridge deck to increase its service life. Workers will resurface the deck using an overlay of concrete mixed with silica fume, which is a byproduct of making silicon from quartz. The overlay will smooth the deck pavement and make it more resistant to damage from de-icing salts.

Temporary signals will control one-lane traffic at the bridge. Motorists can expect brief delays. KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$169,304 to Mission Construction Co., Inc., of St. Paul, Kan. The project should be finished by the end of the year, weather permitting.

Kelley reminds motorists to obey the signals, reduce their driving speed through the work zone, and "Give 'Em A Brake!" Persons with questions concerning the project may contact Kelley at (620) 365-2161 or KDOT Southeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen at 1-877-550-5368. The project is funded under the T-WORKS transportation program. For additional information concerning T-WORKS, visit the website, www.ksdot.org/tworks.

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