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## **Bridge Replacement on US-56 Highway in City of Ellinwood**

Starting the week of August 15th, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) will begin a bridge replacement project on US-56 Highway in Barton County, six miles East of US-56/K-156 Junction in the City of Ellinwood. The construction marks the beginning of a combined bridge replacement and 4-lane reconstruction through the City of Ellinwood.

Drivers can expect minimal delays initially. This preservation project is scheduled to be completed in October 2017 depending on delays caused by adverse weather conditions.

Smoky Hill LLC from Salina, Kansas is the prime contractor for this \$16,953,000 project, which is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature. For more information about T-WORKS projects and funding visit the website, [www.ksdot.org/tworks](http://www.ksdot.org/tworks). Highway construction project locations and road condition information can be viewed at the <http://511.ksdot.org> website, or can also be accessed by telephone by dialing 511.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and “Give ‘Em a Brake!” when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. Persons with questions about this road work or other KDOT projects can call South Central Kansas Public Affairs Manager, Zach Oswald, at 620-663-3361 or 1-877-550-5368 (Toll free).

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