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Cowley County Arkansas River Bridge Repairs on US-77 Highway

Starting on the week of April 4th, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) will begin a preservation project on a bridge carrying US-77 Highway over the Arkansas River. The bridge is located just south of the City of Arkansas City along US-77, approximately three miles north of the Oklahoma State line. The project is scheduled to be completed by July 2016, depending on delays due to adverse weather conditions.

With traffic reduced to two lanes during construction, drivers can expect movement to be controlled through the work zone. Traffic will be head to head in order for one side of the bridge to be patched before switching to the other side upon completion of repairs. All loads over 11' of total width should seek alternative routes.

Bettis Asphalt & Construction, Inc. of Topeka is the prime contractor for the \$290,000 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. Highway construction project locations and

road condition information can be viewed at the www.kandrive.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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