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K-196 reopens in Butler County

A project to replace three bridges on K-196 between the cities of Potwin and Whitewater in Butler County is complete, allowing the Kansas Department of Transportation to reopen this portion of the state highway.

The bridges are located between the Northwest Diamond Road/K-196 intersection and the Northwest Tawakoni Road/K-196 intersection between Potwin and Whitewater. They serve about 2,000 drivers daily. The three new bridges provide 10-foot-wide shoulders to each lane, replacing structures with no shoulder room.

K-196 closed in February from I-135 in Harvey County to K-254 in Butler County. King Construction Company Inc. of Hesston was the primary contractor for the \$2,813,500 project, which upgraded/replaced Dry Creek Bridge, Whitewater River Bridge and Diamond Creek Bridge.

The project was funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature. For more information about T-WORKS projects and funding, visit www.ksdot.org/tworks. Highway construction project locations and road condition information can be viewed at the <http://511.ksdot.org> website or can 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 Deb Gruver at 620-663-3361 or 1-877-550-5368 (toll free).

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