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# **K-49 Bridge Closing North of Caldwell**

Starting Wednesday, November 2nd, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) will begin a bridge replacement project on K-49 Highway in Sumner County. The bridge carrying K-49 Highway over the Chikaskia River Drainage is located approximately 6 miles north of the City of Caldwell and 3 miles south of K-44/K-49 junction.

With both lanes being affected and closed by the project, through traffic will be detoured using state routes K-44, K-49, US-160, and US-81 with posted signage. A planned state detour will begin November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please observe the weight limits on posted detour routes. Drivers can expect delays of more than 30 minutes. This preservation project is scheduled to be completed in May 2017, depending on delays caused by adverse weather conditions.

King Construction Company Inc. from Hesston, Kansas is the prime contractor for this \$998,000 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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