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## **U.S. 75 bridge repair to begin at Neodesha next week**

Monday, Nov. 13, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) plans to begin a repair project on the U.S. 75 bridge over U.S. 400 at Neodesha. The work will include repairing five girders and replacing one girder underneath the bridge, and replacing a bridge expansion device. The bridge was damaged in a one-vehicle crash last July.

### **Impacts to traffic:**

- The eastbound lanes of U.S. 400 will remain open.
- Starting Nov. 13, KDOT will close the westbound lanes of U.S. 400 beneath the bridge. Westbound traffic will detour along the on- and off-ramps at the north side of the U.S. 400/75 interchange. Temporary signals will control traffic on the ramps and U.S. 75 traffic. Expect minimal delays.
- Traffic across the bridge will be maintained during all phases of work. During some project phases traffic on the bridge will be reduced to one lane.
- During later project phases, U.S. 400 east- and westbound traffic will not be allowed to make left-hand turns on the bridge.
- Tentatively starting in December, eastbound U.S. 400 traffic traveling to Neodesha will be placed on a detour on K-47. The detour begins at the U.S. 400/K-47 roundabout at Fredonia and continues east to U.S. 75.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$426,000 to A.M. Cohron and Son, Inc., of Atlantic, Iowa. Weather permitting, KDOT expects the project to be completed in February 2018.

Drivers are reminded to pay attention to the signs and signals, and to reduce speed when driving through the work zone. Persons with questions concerning the road work may contact Darrin Petrowsky, area engineer at the KDOT Independence office, (620) 331-3760, or Priscilla Petersen at the Chanute KDOT office, (620) 902-6433.

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