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East bridge closing Thursday on K-39 project in Bourbon County

On Thursday, April 10, the contractor plans to close the east bridge on the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) project to replace two bridges on K-39 in Bourbon County. The bridge being closed is over Paint Creek, located approximately one mile east of the K-3 junction north to Uniontown and ½ mile east of the K-3 junction south to Hepler. The west bridge on the K-39 project, spanning Flat Rock Creek five miles west of the K-3 junction to Uniontown, closed to traffic in late February.

The detour for both bridges remains in effect. The state detour route for eastbound K-39 traffic is: from the west U.S.59/K-39 junction travel south on U.S.59 to K-146, then east on K-146 to K-3, then south of K-3 to K-47, then east on K-47 to K-7, and north on K-7 to the K-7/K-39 junction. Westbound K-39 traffic should take the same route in the opposite direction. Traffic on K-3 should not be affected by the construction.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$2 million to King Construction Company, Hesston. Barring any unforeseen delays, KDOT expects both new bridges to be open to traffic by the end of November 2014. Persons with questions concerning the project may contact KDOT Iola Area Construction Manager Dayna Barlow at (620) 365-2161 or Priscilla Petersen at 1-877-550-5368.

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