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K-181 Bridge Replacement Project to Begin in Osborne County

On Monday, **March 24**, a bridge replacement project will begin on K-181 south of Downs. The scope of the project is the replacement of the North Fork Solomon River Bridge.

The roadway will be closed and traffic will be detoured from K-181; west eight miles on Osborne County Road 388 to U.S. 281 (Osborne), north five miles to U.S. 24, then east eight miles to K-181 (Downs).

A.M. Cohron and Son, Inc., of Atlantic, Iowa is the primary contractor on this project with a contract cost of \$2.8 million.

The new bridge will replace the current six-pier structure built in 1952. The existing bridge was lengthened and raised in 1967 to be above the flood pool elevation of Waconda Lake/Glen Elder Dam built in 1969.

The scheduled completion date to open the project to traffic is October 31, 2014.

This project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. Find out more about this and other TWORKS projects at: <http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks>.

For more information about this project contact Jim Riener, Area Construction Engineer, at (785) 543-8433 or jriener@ksdot.org or Travis Scott, District Construction Engineer, at (785) 871-1530 or TScott@ksdot.org.

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