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## **Bridge Projects Resume on I-70 And U.S. 183 Highway**

In the next few weeks, two I-70 bridge repair jobs and another bridge job on U.S. 183 in Ellis County are scheduled to resume.

The bridges on interstate are located: At the Ellis Interchange (bridges carrying I-70 traffic at Exit 145, Junction K-247) and the Walker Interchange (bridges carrying I-70 traffic at Exit 172).

**Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction, at times, during construction. The speed limit will be reduced to 60-m.p.h. through the work zone.**

The third location is along U.S. 183 Highway over the Smoky Hill River, near Schoenchen.

**Traffic will be controlled by flaggers during daylight hours on this project. Minor delays should be expected through the construction time frame, not exceeding 15 minutes. The public should plan their travels accordingly. Please pay attention to the signs and workers within a construction zone and “Give ‘Em A Brake!”**

This project began last fall, but temporarily shut down during the winter months.

“The scope of the construction work includes repairing the bridges and placing a polymer overlay on the driving deck of the bridges,” explains KDOT Construction Engineer Nick Rogers, of the Hays construction office.

KDOT awarded the construction contract - totaling \$215,902 - to PbX Corporation of Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

The subcontractor RoadSafe Traffic Systems, of El Dorado, will provide traffic control on the projects.

The bridge repair jobs are funded by T-WORKS, the Transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May of 2010; and designed to create jobs, preserve highway infrastructure, and spur economic development opportunities across the state.

Weather permitting, these construction projects will be completed by the early part of this summer.

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