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I-70 Bridge Repairs Planned for Next Week in Trego County

On Tuesday, August 28, a job to repair eight I-70 bridges in Trego County is scheduled to begin.

The original timeline was to begin the work on August 20; but the start date was pushed back due to a change in the contractors' schedule.

The scope of the work includes placing a polymer overlay to seal the bridge decking/driving surface along with some minor patching.

The bridge locations are: East and westbound bridges carrying I-70 traffic at Exit 127 (U.S. 283 Junction) and Exit 128 (U.S. 40 Business Junction); and four more bridges carrying I-70 traffic over the Union Pacific Railroad and Old Highway 40 – approximately 1.5 miles east of Ogallah (Exit 135).

While the bridge repairs are underway, traffic will sometimes be reduced to one lane in each direction. The posted speed limit will be reduced from 75 miles per hour to 60 mph in each construction zone.

Please use caution, pay attention to the work zone signs, and respect workers when driving through any road construction zone. Slow down and "Give 'Em A Brake".

KDOT awarded the construction contracts – totaling approximately \$218,626 - to PbX Corporation, of Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

These bridge repair projects 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, the bridges in Trego County will be complete within five weeks.

For questions concerning this project, please contact Area Three Construction Engineer Nick Rogers at (785) 625-9718 or nrogers@ksdot.org; or KDOT Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager Kristen Brands at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton.

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