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# **Project to replace two bridges In Sheridan County starts next week**

As early as Monday, September 30, a project to replace two bridges along U.S. 24 in Sheridan County will begin.

Both bridges are located approximately eight miles east of Hoxie on U.S. 24, and span the South Fork River. The two structures are located within 1 ½ mile of one another; and the work zones will encompass that same area.

The scope of work includes grading, bridge reconstruction and resurfacing at both locations. Once the bridge reconstruction phase starts, lane closures in both directions will occur over both structures. Traffic will be re-directed onto temporary 'shoofly' detours located along the south side of each bridge site.

"These two projects will be constructed at the same time with approximately the same starting and completion dates, explains KDOT Construction Engineer Nick Rogers, of the Hays KDOT Construction Office.

**The speed limit will be reduced to 55 miles per hour within each bridge construction work zone. The public should plan their travels accordingly. Pay attention to the signs and workers within a construction zone, and please "Give 'Em A Brake!"**

KDOT awarded both construction contracts – combined totaling \$3, 773, 771 to King Construction Inc. of Hesston.

Subcontractors on the job include: Advanced Land Surveying and Drafting L.L.C., construction staking, Hays; Roadsafe Traffic Systems, Inc., traffic control, El Dorado; Cahoj Earthmoving, Inc., grading, Atwood; Fulsom Brothers, Inc., guardrail,

Cedar Vale; Gary A. Crain, bridge deck grooving, Prague, OK; McCormick Excavation and Paving, asphalt paving, Stratton, CO; HWA Davis Construction and Supply, Inc., concrete paving, Newton; Dickhut Seed Co., erosion control and seeding, Scott City.

The bridge replacement 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 combined construction projects will be complete by Fall of 2014.

For questions concerning the bridge replacements, please contact KDOT Area Three Construction Engineer Nick Rogers at (785) 625-9718 or [nrogers@ksdot.org](mailto:nrogers@ksdot.org) in Hays; or KDOT Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager Kristen Brands at (785) 877-3315 or [kristenb@ksdot.org](mailto:kristenb@ksdot.org) in Norton.

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