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## Old U.S. 59 Over Tauy Creek Bridge Replacement Project Begins in Douglas County

On **Tuesday**, **September 3**, a replacement project began on the Old U.S. 59 bridge over the West Fork of Tauy Creek in Douglas County. Project work includes the replacement of the existing concrete span bridge structure with a haunch slab structure. Work will take place during daylight hours from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work.

On **Tuesday, September 3,** northbound and southbound Old U.S. 59 over the West Fork of the Tauy Creek bridge was closed to all traffic, 24/7 round the clock, throughout the project duration. No marked detours will be provided. See project maps below for suggested alternate detour routes. Updated traffic information for this project can be viewed online at: <a href="https://www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp">www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp</a>.

The Kansas Department of Transportation urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" when approaching and driving through the project work zone.

King Construction (Hesston, KS) is the primary contractor on this bridge replacement project with a total contract cost of \$640,000. **The scheduled completion** date for the entire resurfacing project is early Spring 2014, weather permitting.

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 T-WORKS projects at: <a href="http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/">http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/</a>.

For more information on this bridge replacement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Nathan Jeffries, Construction Manager, at (785) 842-0299. (KDOT Project #59-23 KA 2059-01)

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