

TRAFFIC ALERT

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For Tuesday, August 14-Late October 2012 in Marshall County

US-77

EXPECT DELAYS! Beginning **on Tuesday, August 14**, eastbound and westbound US-77 will be restricted to one lane across the Big Blue River Bridge and throughout the project work zone so crews can complete tie-in work from the old roadway to the new roadway on the bridge replacement project.

Traffic will be directed through the work zone via temporary traffic signals located at either end of the project throughout the project duration (late October 2012). In addition, signage and barriers will be used to guide traffic through the project work zone. Drivers should expect minor delays and are encouraged to allow extra time for their daily commutes.

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.

In early August 2011, the bridge replacement project began on US-77 over the Big Blue River located one-half mile east of the city of Blue Rapids in Marshall County. The new bridge and realigned US-77 roadway are being built just east of the existing bridge and highway, along with the portion of K-9 that will be realigned to tie into the new roadway. The new US-77 bridge will be 40-foot wide, with two 12-foot lanes and 8-foot shoulders, providing more room for today’s wider vehicles and it will have shorter bridge railings as well. In addition, project work includes a deceleration lane for northbound drivers turning east onto K-9 and an acceleration lane for eastbound drivers on K-9 turning north onto US-77.

The new US-77 Big Blue River Bridge is scheduled to open to all traffic in late October 2012, weather permitting. The old bridge is scheduled to be demolished in November 2012 and overall project work is scheduled to be completed in late December 2012. (KDOT Project # 77-58 KA 0716-01)

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