

MEDIA ADVISORY

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New Amelia Earhart Memorial Bridge Project Begins in Atchison

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) are hosting an event to provide local media an opportunity to view construction on the new Amelia Earhart Memorial Bridge Project in Atchison on **Thursday, June 25, at 10 a.m. at the bridge project site on the Missouri side of the river.**

Due to limited access and parking space at the construction site, media are requested to meet at the SR Betts Construction Yard located on the north side of US-59 in Winthrop, Mo., (see Google map below for site location) for brief comments at 10 a.m. KDOT staff in orange safety vests will be on hand to direct media to the parking site in Winthrop.

Once brief project comments are completed, KDOT/MoDOT officials will shuttle the media in MoDOT vans to the construction site for photo/video/sound opportunities. **Only media who travel on the shuttles will be allowed to visit the construction site. Shuttles will depart at approximately 10:15 a.m.**

After the visit to the construction site, KDOT/MoDOT officials will then provide media access via the shuttles to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Bridge deck for photo/video opportunities on the construction site located just to the south of the existing bridge.

To ensure enough room for all media on the shuttles, we request that those who plan to attend the media event contact Kimberly Qualls at (785) 640-9340 or by e-mail at kqualls@ksdot.org no later than **Thursday, June 25 at 8:00 a.m.** Media will be provided safety vests and bottled water at the event.

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