KDOT will close K-126 next week to replace two bridges

On Monday, March 17, weather permitting, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) will begin a project to replace two bridges on K-126 in Crawford County. The bridges are located approximately one mile and six miles west of the K-126/K-7 junction, respectively.

The contractor plans to begin working first to demolish the bridge one mile west of the K-7 junction, leaving the bridge six miles west open to local traffic until a later date. **K-126 will be closed to through traffic starting Wednesday, March 19.** The signed detour for eastbound traffic runs from the U.S.400/K-126 junction east for 10 miles to the U.S.400/K-7 junction at Cherokee, and then north on K-7 for five miles to the K-7/K-126 junction. Westbound traffic should take the same route in the opposite direction.

While the detour is in effect local traffic will still be able to access K-126 for the first mile west of K-7, and from the U.S.400/K-126 junction north for five miles and then east four miles. County roads will provide access to points between the two bridge sites. There is no access to K-126 by way of 90th Street north of the highway.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of $1.3 million to B&B Bridge Company, LLC, of St. Paul, Kan. Weather permitting, KDOT expects both new bridges to be open to traffic by the end of 2014.

Persons with questions concerning the project may contact KDOT Pittsburg Area Construction Engineer Bob Gudgen at (620) 231-7560 or KDOT Southeast Kansas
Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen at 1-877-550-5368. The project is funded under the T-WORKS transportation program. For additional information concerning T-WORKS visit the website, www.ksdot.org/tworks.

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