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KDOT to replace railroad bridge on U.S. 54 in Woodson County

Monday, March 2, weather permitting, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) will begin a project to replace the bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad on U.S. 54 east of Yates Center. The bridge is 1½ miles east of the Yates Center city limits and 20½ miles west of Iola.

KDOT will replace the existing bridge with a weathered steel span bridge, and raise the grade of the bridge and approach ramps.

On March 2 the contractor is planning to close U.S. 54 to through traffic at the bridge site. The work zone will remain closed until the new bridge is completed this autumn. The signed detour on state highways for eastbound U.S. 54 traffic is as follows: from the U.S. 75/U.S. 54 junction at Yates Center proceed south on U.S. 75 to the U.S. 75/K-39 junction, continue east on K-39 to the K-39/U.S. 169 junction at Chanute, then travel north on U.S. 169 to the U.S. 169/U.S. 54 junction at Iola. Westbound U.S. 54 traffic will take the same route in the opposite direction.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$4.2 million to A.M. Cohron & Son of Atlantic, Iowa. This bridge replacement project has a calendar completion date of October 16, 2015. Persons with questions concerning the project may contact KDOT Iola Area Construction Engineer Dayna Barlow at (620) 365-2161 or 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.



The UP Railroad bridge on U.S. 54 east of Yates Center was constructed in 1936 and rehabbed in 1970. KDOT will replace the existing overpass with a weathered steel span bridge.

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