

TRAFFIC ALERT – UPDATE #2!

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US-59 / New Amelia Earhart Bridge

On **Saturday, June 22**, crews will complete centerline striping work on eastbound and westbound US-59 traffic over the Amelia Earhart (AE) Bridge. Once this centerline striping work is completed traffic will be shifted to the inside lanes over the bridge that same day. On **Monday, June 24**, crews will then prep the bridge deck for the addition of white line pavement markings across the bridge deck.

On **Tuesday, June 25 at approximately 10:00 a.m.**, crews will then complete all striping work across the bridge deck. **Sometime that same afternoon (Tuesday, June 25)**, both eastbound and westbound US-59 traffic over the Amelia Earhart (AE) Bridge will be **OPENED** to the final traffic configuration across the new bridge. Traffic over the new bridge will open to four-lanes beginning on the Atchison, Kansas side of the state line and will be reduced back to a two-lane configuration once drivers are closer to the Missouri state line.

Due to mechanical issues with the pavement striper, the opening of the bridge to its final four-lane traffic configuration has now been rescheduled from Monday, June 24 to Tuesday, June 25, weather permitting.

View attached photos of the new bridge where you can see that there are no permanent pavement markings yet across the bridge deck. Also, see additional updated photos of the **newly painted AE Memorial Bridge** on KDOT's NE Kansas Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.393221267446572.1073741834.144159602352741&type=1&l=7c62662a09>

NOTE: U.S. 59 through the city of Atchison was also recently resurfaced and the City of Atchison crews hope to apply the permanent pavement markings on this stretch of highway beginning on Monday, June 24.

There is still not a tentative final schedule for the demolition of the old Amelia Earhart Bridge at this point in time. We will let you know once there is a final schedule for the demolition of the old bridge. Stay tuned as there will be more to come soon on the demolition of the old AE Bridge!

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