

TRAFFIC ALERT – UPDATE #3!

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US-59 / New Amelia Earhart Bridge

On **Saturday, June 22**, crews completed centerline striping work on eastbound and westbound US-59 traffic over the Amelia Earhart (AE) Bridge and traffic was shifted to the inside lanes over the bridge. On **Monday-Tuesday, June 24-25**, crews will be prepping the bridge deck for the addition of white line pavement markings across the bridge deck.

On **Wednesday, June 26 at approximately 10:00 a.m.**, crews will then complete all striping work across the bridge deck. **Sometime that same afternoon (Wednesday, June 26)**, 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 the wet weather, the opening of the bridge to its final four-lane traffic configuration has now been rescheduled from Tuesday, June 25, to Wednesday, June 26, weather permitting. ☺ CROSS YOUR FINGERS!

View 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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