New 7th Street/US-169 Bridge Set to Open in Wyandotte County

Weather permitting, at approximately 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 22, the new 7th Street/US-169 bridge in Wyandotte County will open to all traffic. Construction began on this bridge replacement project in early November 2007. The original bridge, built in 1924 and modified a couple of times throughout its life was in need of complete replacement.

The new bridge was reconstructed in two phases so that traffic could be carried on 7th Street/US-169 during the two-year long construction project. The northbound half of the bridge was built first, followed by the southbound half. The new bridge was designed to improve sight distance for drivers crossing the bridge as well as improvements at the intersections adjoining both ends of the new bridge.

The replacement bridge project was a cooperative project between the Kansas Department of Transportation and the Unified Government of Wyandotte County. Hawkins Construction Company is the primary contractor on this bridge replacement project with a total contract cost of $18.2 million.

For questions or additional information on this bridge replacement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Jason Van Nice, Lawrence Construction Engineer, at (785) 842-0299.

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