

## Centennial Bridge Toll Study Approved

(KAIR)--A wide range of projects have been selected by the Kansas Department of Transportation for preliminary engineering, including a number planned in Northeast Kansas.

Among them is a 73-thousand-dollar study on the feasibility of converting the Centennial Bridge in Leavenworth into a toll bridge. Official details of why that change for the route, connecting Kansas with Missouri, is being considered are not stated.

Plans also include the 576-thousand-dollar replacement of a bridge on U-S 159 in Atchison County about 5 miles west of the east junction of US-159/K-9 over Little Stranger Creek north of Effingham.

Also included is the replacement of a bridge on U-S 59, in Jefferson County, over Crooked Creek, 8 miles north of the junction with K-92.

Three bridge replacement projects, totalling over 4-million dollars, are planned in Marshall County.

That includes replacement of a bridge on K-87, another on US-77 and a third located on K-9 Highway.

In Pottawatomie County, one project is planned, with a bridge replacement to be conducted on K-63.

Start times for the projects are not yet determined.

KDOT leaders reviewed about 100 projects and made their final selections based on engineering factors and public recommendations received during a series of local consultation meetings held in October. The projects were announced Tuesday during a three-city tour by Governor Sam Brownback and Transportation Secretary Mike King.

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