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Repair Project Begins on Two U.S. 73 Bridges in Brown Co

(KNZA)--A repair project began this week on two bridges on U.S. 73 highway in Brown County

One bridge is located over Otter Creek about 3 miles east of the U.S. 159 junction and the other spans over U.S 36 on the south edge of Hiawatha.

The Kansas Department of Transportation says crews will complete repair work on the approaches on both ends of the two bridges. The work will take place daily, Monday through Friday, during daylight hours.

There are a total of six bridges—five in Brown County and one in Nemaha County---to be completed with the overall project, but only two bridges will be worked on at a time.

Temporary traffic signals have been installed at both ends of the U.S. 73 Otter Creek Bridge. They will be operational 24/7 round clock during the project.

Traffic over the U.S. 73 bridge spanning U.S. 36 will be directed in one lane each direction across the bridge with cones and signage.

Drivers should expect minor delays and must allow extra time for their daily commutes.

There will be a 35 mph posted speed limit through the project work zone.

The Otter Creek bridge project is scheduled to be completed on August 16th, and the bridge spanning U.S. 36 on September 10th, weather allowing.

Wildcat Construction, Inc. of Newton is the primary contractor on the nearly \$660,000 project. The entire project is scheduled to be completed in mid-November, weather permitting.

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