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Work Begins on 26 K-96 Bridges

A Kansas Department of Transportation highway preservation project on K-96 from I-135 to U.S. 54 began May 19. Traffic will be affected with single lane closures on multiple bridges and slight delays may be experienced by drivers.

The first four bridges with lane closures are between 127th Street East and U.S. 54. Two bridges for westbound K-96 and two bridges for eastbound K-96 now have the left lane closed for approximately one week. Then traffic will be switched and the right lanes will be repaired.

During the project, bridges east of Greenwich Road will be repaired during daylight hours with 24/7 lanes closures. Bridges from I-135 to Webb Road will be repaired in the evening and overnight hours with temporary lane closures (lanes open by 6 a.m.). Work is not planned on the Greenwich Road bridges because of another project in that location.

Project work includes concrete patching on the bridge surfaces then polymer overlays. Polymer overlays prevent moisture from infiltrating the bridge decks thus extending the life of the bridge.

Truesdell Corporation of Tempe, Arizona is the lead contractor on the \$1,171,171 project. It should be completed in late July if no significant weather delays occur.

The project is part of the highway preservation component of T-WORKS, an \$8 billion, 10-year transportation program approved by the 2010 Kansas Legislature. More information on the program is available at <http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/>. Information on this and other Wichita highway projects is available at www.WichitaKDOT.org.

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