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Work begins on US-81 Highway Bridge in Sumner County

Starting on Monday, May 5, the Kansas Department of Transportation will begin a bridge replacement project on the bridge carrying US-81 Highway over the Fall Creek in Sumner County, located at the south city limits of Caldwell or 1.58 miles north of the Kansas/Oklahoma State line. This bridge will be constructed one half at a time with traffic controlled through the work zone by traffic signals, so drivers can expect short delays. This bridge replacement project is scheduled to be completed by December 2014, depending on delays due to adverse weather conditions.

There will be an 11 foot width restriction in the work zone, so vehicles with widths wider than 11 feet will need to use an alternate route. Highway construction project locations and road condition information can be viewed at the <http://511.ksdot.org> website, or can also be accessed by telephone by dialing 511.

Bridges, Inc. from Newton is the prime contractor for this \$1,198,693.08 project, which is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. For more information about T-WORKS projects and funding visit the website, www.ksdot.org/tworks.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. Persons with

questions about the road work or other KDOT projects can call South Central Kansas Public Affairs Manager, Martin Miller, at 620-663-3361 or 1-877-550-5368 (Toll free).

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