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## **Georgia Road bridge repair starts in September**

The week of September 5 the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) expects to begin a project to repair the Georgia Road bridge over U.S. 169 east of Humboldt. The bridge sustained damage from a one-vehicle crash in June, and has been closed to traffic since that time.

The repair includes replacing the bridge's damaged beams, deck, rail and abutment, and the pavement on the eastern bridge approach. KDOT awarded Mission Construction of St. Paul the \$164,900 construction contract.

The northbound lane of U.S. 169 will be closed at the bridge site for removal and recovery of the bridge debris, and again when the new beams are placed. During the lane closures traffic on U.S. 169 will be reduced to one lane controlled by a pilot car and flaggers, with traveler delays of 15 minutes or less. Minimal impacts to traffic are expected during the remaining project phases. The bridge repair project should be finished by November, weather permitting.

Dayna Barlow, construction engineer at the Iola KDOT office, reminds drivers to use extra caution and 'Give 'Em a Brake!' at the work zone. Persons with questions may contact Barlow at (620) 365-2161, or Priscilla Petersen at 1-877-550-5368.



**The Georgia Road bridge over U.S. 169 sustained damage in a vehicle crash. (KDOT photo)**

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