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K-143 Bridge in Saline County gets Replaced (Update 1.2)

The bridge replacement project began Friday, March 7, 2014, on K-143 .5 miles north of I-70 just north of Salina. **Due to beams being set in place, traffic will be reduced to one lane beginning tomorrow morning following the morning rush and last for approximately 4 hours.** Traffic will be carried through construction by flagmen. It is anticipated that the work will be completed and traffic will return to one lane in each direction by mid-afternoon.

In addition to replacing the K-143 Bridge a bridge on north 5^{th} St crossing the same Mulberry Creek Drainage will be removed. 5^{th} St has been closed to through traffic and is now a dead end Street from both north and south.

Plans call for this project to be completed in early August, 2014 weather permitting.

The purpose of this project is to extend the life of the highway while improving the ride experienced by travelers.

This project is funded through T-WORKS. For more information concerning the T-works program and specific projects visit the T-works web site at <u>www.ksdot.org/tworks</u>.

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