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Work beginning on Graham County bridge

Beginning approximately February 27, KDOT will begin work to replace a bridge over the South Fork of the Solomon River located along K-84 Highway, ½-mile north of Penokee; and ½-mile south of US-24.

Workers will start placing signs and traffic control devices as early as next week.

The scope of the project includes replacing the existing bridge.

The construction work will be completed in phases. The first phase includes earthwork and installing the temporary bridge. "Traffic will not be affected during the first phase of construction," reports KDOT Construction Engineer Nick Rogers, of the Hays Construction office.

"But by May of this year, travelers will be routed to drive on a temporary bridge structure and a shoo-fly detour located east of the existing bridge."

Please use caution, pay attention to the work zone signs, and respect workers when driving through any road construction zone. Slow down and "Give 'Em A Break".

KDOT awarded the construction contract - totaling \$1.9 million - to L & M Contractors, Inc., of Great Bend.

Subcontractors on the project include: B & H Paving, Scott City, asphalt seal; APAC- Kansas, Inc. Shears Division, Hays, asphalt paving; Highway Signing, Inc., Omaha, traffic control; Merz Brothers Construction, Inc., Newkirk, Oklahoma, erosion control and seeding; J & J Contractors Inc., Iola, rebar; Max Jantz Excavating, L.L.C.,

Montezuma, grading; Whitewing Construction, Inc., Newton, guardrail; Advance Land Surveying & Drafting, Hays, construction staking.

Weather permitting this bridge project will be completed by June of 2013.

The bridge replacement project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May of 2010.

For questions concerning this project, please contact Nick Rogers at (785) 625-9718 in Hays; or Kristen Brands, Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton.

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