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Bridge on K-25 Re-opens Today in Thomas County

The bridge replacement project located on K-25 Highway in Thomas County is complete, and re-opens to normal traffic today.

The project, located approximately 2.5 miles south of I-70, closed the North Fork Solomon River Bridge for construction since March15. Along with the actual structure, a portion of K-25 was closed from I-70 to approximately three miles south of the interstate.

"Although the bridge is now open, the detour for the K-25 pavement replacement job in Logan County is still in effect," explains KDOT Area Engineer Eric Oelschlager, whose office has overseen the bridge construction. "In other words, K-25 remains closed from U.S. 40 to Russell Springs."

This bridge project utilized a portion of that official detour, which still puts travelers onto K-96, U.S. 83, and I-70 until the first of July.

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 Brake". KDOT awarded this project contract - totaling \$550,000 - to Simon Contractors, of North Platte, Nebraska.

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 Eric Oelschlager at (785) 626-3258 or erico@ksdot.org in Atwood; or Kristen Brands, Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton.

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