

TRAFFIC ALERT – UPDATE!

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US-59 / New Amelia Earhart Bridge

Sometime during the day on **Monday, June 24, weather permitting**, both eastbound and westbound US-59 traffic over the Amelia Earhart (AE) Bridge will be **OPENED** to the final traffic configuration across the new bridge. Traffic over the new bridge will open to four-lanes beginning on the Atchison, Kansas side of the state line and will be reduced back to a two-lane configuration once drivers are closer to the Missouri state line. **Due to mechanical issues with the pavement striper, the opening of the bridge to its final four-lane traffic configuration has been rescheduled from Friday, June 21 to Monday, June 24, weather permitting.**

View attached photos of the new bridge where you can see that there are no permanent pavement markings yet across the bridge deck. Also, see additional updated photos of the **newly painted AE Memorial Bridge** on KDOT's NE Kansas Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.393221267446572.1073741834.144159602352741&type=1&l=7c62662a09>

NOTE: U.S. 59 through the city of Atchison was also recently resurfaced and the City of Atchison crews hope to apply the permanent pavement markings on this stretch of highway beginning on Monday, June 24.

There is still not a tentative final schedule for the demolition of the old Amelia Earhart Bridge at this point in time. We will let you know once there is a final schedule for the demolition of the old bridge. Stay tuned as there will be more to come soon on the demolition of the old AE bridge!

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