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A current view of existing concrete box culvert under U.S. 36.

U.S. 36 Bridge over Snipe Creek Drainage Replacement Project Begins in Marshall County

On **Tuesday**, **May 26**, a replacement project began on the U.S. 36 Bridge over Snipe Creek drainage located 2.37-miles east of the K-99 junction (Marshall County). Project work includes removal of the existing 8-foot by 8-foot by 112-foot reinforced concrete box culvert to be replaced with a 9-foot by 9-foot by 174-foot reinforced concrete box culvert. Work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work.

Project work will be completed in three phases with the west half of the culvert constructed first, followed by construction of the east half of the culvert, then a mill and overlay on U.S. 36 pavement on either side of the bridge. Phase one work began on **Monday, May 26**,

as crews worked to reconstruct the eastbound shoulder. Once the eastbound shoulder was finished, temporary traffic signals will be installed at either end of the bridge to direct traffic. After completion of Phase one, traffic will be moved to the new westbound lane while phase two (east half) of the culvert is constructed. Phase three construction includes the milling and overlay of U.S. 36 to match the new roadway profile grade. Traffic will be open to two way traffic during this final phase

On **Monday, June 1**, <u>eastbound and westbound U.S. 36 was reduced to one lane each</u> <u>direction over the bridge</u> through the work zone throughout the project duration. There will be a 14-foot lane width restriction through the work zone throughout the project duration. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via signage, traffic signals, and concrete barrier. Drivers should expect minor delays throughout the project duration.

The Kansas Department of Transportation urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" when approaching and driving through the project work zone.

Ebert Construction Company, Inc. (Wamego, KS) is the primary contractor on this bridge replacement project with a total contract cost of \$1.219 million. **The scheduled completion date for the bridge replacement project is mid-December 2015, weather permitting.**

This project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. Find out more about this and other T-WORKS projects at: http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/.

For more information on this bridge replacement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Jerry Haug, Wamego Construction Engineer, at (785) 456-2353. *(KDOT Project #36-58 KA-2860-01)*

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