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## **Bridge replacement on K-18 in Manhattan starts Monday**

A bridge replacement project over Wildcat Creek on K-18 in Manhattan is expected to begin, Monday, May 11, according to the Kansas Department of Transportation. Work will occur from west of Richards Drive to east of Poliska Lane and is expected to be complete late 2021.

The project will be constructed in three phases, which includes replacing two bridges with a single bridge for all lanes.

Phase one eastbound and westbound K-18 traffic will be directed to the outside lanes, while median crossovers are constructed to move the eastbound traffic over to the westbound lanes. Traffic on Richards Drive and Rosencutter Road will remain open with reduced lane width and traffic will be guided using temporary traffic signals.

In July, phase two traffic will be shifted to the eastbound lanes for several months, while the north half of the new bridge and the westbound lanes will be constructed.

Around the end of 2020, phase three will begin, and traffic will be shifted back to the westbound lanes, for the construction of the south half of the bridge and the eastbound lanes. Traffic on Richards Drive and Rosencutter Road will be shifted in several different formations, controlled by temporary traffic signals.

Traffic will be controlled using speed limit signs, traffic cones and barricades.

Ebert Construction Co. Inc, of Wamego is the contractor on the \$8.9 million project.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert and obey the warning signs when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. To stay aware of all road construction projects across Kansas go to [www.kandrive.org](http://www.kandrive.org) or call 5-1-1. Drive safely and always wear your seat belt.



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