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Bridge Replacement Project will Close US-77 in Riley County

Weather permitting, beginning Monday, July 16, US-77 will close from the K-9/US-77 junction in Waterville to the K-16/US-77 junction north of Randolph for a bridge replacement project in Riley County. The project is for construction of a new bridge to replace the existing structure that spans Fancy Creek. US-77 will be closed throughout the duration of the construction project which is scheduled to be completed in late summer 2008.

A marked detour will be provided for all traffic. Northbound US-77 traffic will detour onto K-16 east to K-99, north on K-99 to K-9, then west on K-9 back to US-77. Southbound US-77 traffic will detour onto K-9 east to K-99, south on K-99 to K-16, the west on K-16 back to US-77. During the US-77 closure, drivers should expect major delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible.

United Contractors Inc. is the primary contractor on this \$6,571,120 bridge replacement project. The scheduled completion date for the entire bridge replacement project is late summer 2008.

For questions or additional information on this bridge replacement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 296-3881, or Jerry Haug, Wamego Construction Manager, at (785) 456-2253.

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