



## Kingman County Commission

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### **Kingman County set to do \$4 million in road, bridge work**

Kingman County's 2017 hot mix overlay and bridge program will include 30 miles of surfacing and replacement of a bridge over Smoots Creek. Total cost of the projects is \$4.3 million.

The new bridge, designated FAS #18 but known locally as the Smoots Creek or Midway bridge, is located just south of the K-14/US-54 interchange on NE 100<sup>th</sup> Ave. A tentative start date is July 17. King Construction of Hesston submitted the winning bid of \$1,649,827.30. This project has been on the county commission's radar for a while. It will be funded via a general obligation bond.

An alternate route will be used during construction of the bridge:

- Drivers on US-54: take the NW 70th Ave. exit south to NE 10th St. (old 54 highway), and back east to NE 100th Ave.
- Northbound on NE 100th Ave.: go west on NE 10th St. to NW 70th Ave., then north to US-54; drive east on the highway and take the K-14 exit back to NE 100th Ave.
- Southbound on NE 100th Ave.: exit at K-14 to US-54, go west on the highway to NW 70th Ave., exit the highway and drive south to NE 10th St., then back east to NE 100th Ave.

The projected completion date for the new bridge is June 2018. The county also will replace the Z.3-5.0 Bridge in Galesburg Township, located on NE 20th St. between NE 60th and 70th Avenues, also in the northeastern part of the county. King Construction also will be the contractor on this project with a bid of \$253,009.50. No start date has been set but completion is anticipated by Oct. 1. This portion of NE 20<sup>th</sup> St. will be closed during construction.

The hot mix overlay work is divided into three phases. Cornejo & Sons, Wichita was the winning bidder on all three phases. The cost for Phase I is \$707,074.50 and is being funded by the county's three-quarter cent sales tax. It will resurface eight miles as follows:

- SE 70th St. between SE 70th & 80th Avenues;
- SE 80th Ave. between SE 70th & 60th Streets;
- SE 60th St. between SE 80th Ave. & SE 140th Ave.

Phase II will resurface 16 miles used during construction of the NextEra Kingman Wind Energy I, LLC commercial wind farm. The cost is \$985,684.75 and it will be paid from a payment in lieu of taxes made to the county by NextEra. Those miles are:

- SW 30th Ave. between SW 70th & 80th Streets;
- SW 90th Ave. from US-54 south to SW 70th St.;
- SW 170th Ave. from US-54 south 4 miles to Painter Creek Bridge;
- SW 170th Ave. from K-42 north to SW 80th St.

Phase III will resurface six miles on NW 50th St. between NW 110th & NW 170th Avenues. The cost is \$724,749.25 and is being funded by the county's three-quarter cent sales tax.

Work on Phases II & III is expected to start soon. There will be no road closures during the resurfacing projects. In addition, the county has selected the locations for its annual seal coat operations. This work is done by Public Works staff. Work is expected to be done between Aug. 1 and Oct.1.

Locations for seal coat work are:

- SW 90th Ave. from K-42 south to the Harper County line (SW 180th St.);
- SW 170th Ave. from K-42 south to the Barber County line (SW 180th St.);
- SW 170th Ave. from SW 80th St. north 4 miles to Painter Creek bridge;
- SW 80th St. from SW 170th Ave. east to SW 130th Ave.

All completion and start dates on all work are dependent on weather and contractor availability.

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