

Part of K-9 in Marshall Co to Close Monday

**On Monday, ( June 18 ) K-9 Highway in Marshall County will be closed at the US-77 junction north of Blue Rapids for intersection reconstruction work.**

**The Kansas Department of Transportation says the intersection reconstruction work is part of the US-77 Big Blue River bridge replacement project.**

**from the city of Frankfort to the US-77 junction to all through traffic.**

**Beginning Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock through early September, eastbound and westbound K-9 will be closed**

**Access will be maintained for local traffic only on the closed portion of K-9. A 48-mile marked detour on state highways will be provided.**

**Drivers must use alternate routes during the roadway closure.**

**In early August of last year, the bridge replacement project began on US-77 over the Big Blue River located one-half mile east of the city of Blue Rapids.**

**The new bridge and realigned US-77 roadway are being built just east of the existing bridge and highway, along with the portion of K-9 that will be realigned to tie into the new roadway.**

**The new US-77 bridge will be 40-foot wide, with two 12-foot lanes and 8-foot shoulders, providing more room for today's wider vehicles and it will have shorter bridge railings as well. In addition, project work includes a deceleration lane for northbound drivers turning east onto K-9 and an acceleration lane for eastbound drivers on K-9 turning north onto US-77.**

**United Contractors Inc. of Johnston, Iowa is the primary contractor on the bridge replacement project with a total contract cost of nearly \$7.6 million.**

**The new US-77 bridge is scheduled to open to all traffic in mid-September.**

**The old bridge is scheduled to be demolished in November.**

**Overall project work is scheduled to be completed in late December, weather permitting.**

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