



**ROAD CLOSURE** on K-161 has changed from the original detour. Trucks will still be transferred to the official detour of K-27 to U.S. 34.



**MAKING THE HIGHWAY** safer in the future has been the reason for the change of detour on K-161. The change will allow for more visibility while driving. The road has been closed for bridge replacement the Kansas Department of Transportation decided that now would be the right time to lower a hill making the highway safer.

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*Herald staff photos by Casey McCormick*

# Closure updated

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There will be construction work on K-161, approximately 14 miles north of Bird City, four miles north of the bridge replacement. Residents using the county roads as a detour need to be aware of the road closing further north on K-161.

After complaints from local residents the Kansas Department of Transportation agreed to lower the hill to make the highway safer for vehicles turning on to the highway and improving visibility.

Road closed signs and detour postings will be going up at Road 26 next week.

"A hill just south of Road BB, three miles south of the Nebraska border, is being lowered to improve sight distance," said County Road and Bridge supervisor Dave Flemming. "Now is the time to do construction work, while the highway is closed."

Progress is being made on the bridge construction project.

Concrete was poured for the bridge on K-161 during the night on Monday.

Local traffic can use Road 23 and Road 33 as alternate routes. Trucks will still be transferred to the official detour of K-27 to U.S. 34.

"It took about 11 to 12 hours to pour the deck and abutments," Supervisor Flemming said. "They finished around 8:30 Tuesday morning."

"If you want to drive all paved roads take the designated detour," Supervisor Flemming, said.



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