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Somonauk Road Bridge Replacement

Construction Updates

May 25, 2018

The Contractor began to remove the old structure this week. Road will remain closed for the duration of this project.

June 1, 2018

Removal of the existing structure continues for this week. Fischer Excavating is the subcontractor doing the demolition of the structure. The road will remain closed for the duration of this project.

June 8, 2018

Old structure has been removed and work began on preparing for the north abutment wall to be poured. Piling should be driven beginning next week.

June 15, 2018

Pilings are being driven for abutment caps and working on the approaches. The road will remain closed for the duration of this project.

June 29, 2018

Caps have been poured. Now once the concrete has cured and reaches the required strength, the steel beams will begin to be set.

July 6, 2018

Abutments have reached the required strength and forms have been stripped. Steel beams scheduled to be set on Monday in preparation of deck pour. Roadway alignment continues with the base of the road beginning to take shape with new aggregate being hauled and placed. Project continues to be on schedule for an open to traffic by 8/31/2018 deadline.

July 20, 2018

Steel beams have been delivered and set. Preparations are underway for the deck pour scheduled for the end of next week. Roadway alignment continues.

July 27, 2018

Deck has been poured and is now in the curing stage waiting to reach the appropriate strength.

August 3, 2018

Forms are being removed from deck as it has reached the required strength. Road work continues and once that is complete the bridge will be open to traffic.

August 10, 2018

Work continues in preparation of paving the new section of realigned roadway. Bridge rail, guardrail and striping remains on the bridge project. Project remains on schedule for an August 31, 2018 open to traffic deadline.

August 17, 2018

New section of roadway has received the prime and leveling binder. Surface course will be applied next week. Bridge deck grooving has been scheduled for August 29, 2018. Project remains on schedule for an August 31, 2018 open to traffic deadline.

August 24, 2018

New section of roadway is complete with surface course and aggregate shoulders being placed. Bridge rail is up. Bridge deck grooving is still scheduled for August 29th. Guardrail will be installed next week. Project remains on schedule for an August 31, 2018 open to traffic deadline.

August 31, 2018

All required work for the bridge to be open to traffic has now been completed. The required deck sealing will be completed under traffic. Road is scheduled to be open to traffic later on today after 2:00pm when signage is scheduled to be removed. Our thanks to everyone for their patience and understanding during construction. Enjoy the new bridge and please continue to drive responsibly.