

BRIDGE PROJECTS

October of 2025

Cowley County Bridge and Road Projects Report

CURRENT PROJECTS

BRIDGE DECK REPAIR BUNDLE, FAS 5, 67, 70

SUSPENDED

Location: CR10 West .45 miles from the 15th Rd and 252nd Rd intersection.

RFB Date:	Working Days: 0
Letting Date: Fall 2025	Completion %: 0
Earliest Start Date:	Liquid Damages, Days: 0
Contract End Date:	
Construction Date:	
Completion Date:	

Misc. Information: None

Status:

09.16.2025: Board of County Commissioners voted to temporarily suspend the Bridge Deck Repair Bundle Project in anticipation of participating in a different funding opportunity from the FHWA. Once a better standing can be determined from the alternate opportunity, this project will be revisited to determine if the needs of the project will change.

08.19.2025: Through inspections, Kirkham Michael stated that the deck on OS 67 could not be repaired as delamination on the deck was at 81%. Deck repair candidates are normally around 30%. This was presented as a discussion item during the Commissioners' Meeting and will be discussed again at the first meeting in September to determine if Cowley County wants to move forward with replacing the deck. Due to the findings, the rating of the deck will decrease, placing it into poor status.

05.20.2025: Board of County Commissioners sign agreement with Kirkham Michael for professional engineering services for the Bridge Deck Repair Bundle Project. Design for the project will begin.

05.06.2025: Bridge Deck Bundle Repair Project approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Project scope will include partial and full-depth deck patching, repair of abutments and expansion joints as needed, repair of railing as needed, polymer overlay on decks and rails, 2" mill and overlay on approaches, grubbing and addition of geotextile fabric and riprap on slopes, and addition of guardrail for FAS 5, FAS 67, and FAS 70.

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OS 133 (PUDDEN BRIDGE)

UPDATED

Location: 232ND Rd, 0.52 miles from the Grouse Creek (CR14) & 232nd Rd intersection.

RFB Date:	Wednesday, May 28, 2025	Working Days:	110
Letting Date:	Wednesday, June 18, 2025	Completion %:	0
Earliest Start Date:		Liquid Damages, Days:	0
Contract End Date:			
Construction Date:			
Completion Date:			

Misc. Information: None

Status:

09.08.2025: Arthur Helvie with the Kansas Department of Transportation reached out to the Public Works Office to establish an early and late start date for this project. The early start date will be at the signing of the contract with the contractor. The late start will be July 01, 2026. KDOT is currently working on drafting the contract.

06.24.2025: Four contractors bid for this project. Bridges Inc. won the bid at \$1,359,577.00 and was selected as the contractor for the project. Kirkham Michael submitted their total for construction engineering services at \$278,919.00. Total costs for construction and construction engineering services will be \$1,638,496.00. All services are covered under the grant total of \$2,000,000.00 with no costs to the county, except for the costs of design and geotechnical services which have already been approved and are nearly completed.

05.28.2025: Through the Quality Based Selection Process with KDOT, Kirkham Michael was awarded the contract for construction engineering services on the OS 133 Bridge Replacement Project. Working days for the project were established and will be 110 working days.

05.08.2025: KDOT issues notice for consulting firms. The deadline for submittal is May 21, 2025.

04.21.2025: Bid letting for this project is on schedule and set for July of 2025.

02.25.2025: All Temporary Construction Easement Agreements have been signed and filed with the Register of Deeds. All required documents for real property acquisition have been submitted to Kirkham Michael and they will submit those documents to the Kansas Department of Transportation by March 02, 2025.

01.29.2025: To date, two (2) of the three (3) property owners have signed Temporary Construction Easement Agreements with Cowley County. We are currently waiting on the third agreement and will then submit the documentation to the State of Kansas.

12.30.2024: The County has completed its negotiations with the landowners around the OS 133 Bridge Replacement Project. Temporary Construction Easement Agreements have been drafted and are ready to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners. All utility providers have been notified and are expected to have all utilities moved from the project by June 01, 2024.

12.10.2024: KDOT has set the letting date for this project to Wednesday, June 18, 2025. The Selection Criteria and Code of Conduct documentation has been completed and submitted to KDOT for selection-

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based assistance for Construction Engineering Services and Cowley County has requested that the CE services be participating. KDOT has agreed and will assist Cowley County in advertising for CE services and will allow the costs of said services to be participating with the available grant funding.

11.22.2024: Cowley County has received the fully executed MOA to trade OS 133 for the Poor Farm Stone Arch Bridge within the SHPO archives. This agreement allows Cowley County to have OS 133 removed so that the replacement bridge can be constructed in the existing location. This project remains on schedule.

09.24.2024: The trade for OS 133 has been accepted and approved by SHPO. An MOA is being drafted for the agreement. Demolition of the existing stone arch has been approved, and the new bridge will be built in the same location as the existing bridge. PEC plans to be on site during the first week of October to complete the geotechnical services. The final field plans showing the construction taking place at the existing location have been completed by Kirkham Michael and submitted to KDOT.

07.31.2024: KDOT has responded with their willingness to discuss an exchange of stone arch bridges in the register. Lucas Goff is collecting information on this project and the Public Works Office is compiling accurate information on other stone arch bridges to be placed in the KHRI database. This will not register other stone arch bridges within the historical register but allow information to be available on these bridges from their website.

07.17.2024: Met with KDOT to discuss conversations with SHPO. SHPO would like an exchange with another stone arch bridge to be placed on the historic register in order to allow Cowley County to remove OS 133. Lucas Goff is working on presenting some options for that exchange. Present at the meeting was Lucas Goff, John Riggins, and Jon Jordan.

07.09.2024: Field check meeting completed on site. Present were Matt Graham with KDOT, John Riggins with Kirkham Michael, Lucas Goff, and Jon Jordan. It was determined that Cowley County would want to remove the existing structure due to safety concerns. Cowley County would also work on notifying utility companies for the utility relocation for telephone and electric. Cowley County will also clear trees where the new bridge will go so that core samples may be taken where the new piers will be placed. KDOT states that they will communicate with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to negotiate removing the existing structure.

06.24.2024: The Field Check Meeting with KDOT was set for July 09, 2024, at 10:30 AM, on site at OS 133 (Pudden Bridge). This meeting will be a review of the previously submitted plans where any issues or unknowns with the plans will be addressed. Mathew Graham, with KDOT, will be in attendance as a state representative for local projects.

06.05.2024: Received the design plans. Kirkham Michael also submitted the plans to KDOT. A field check will be scheduled next.

12.21.2023: With the approval of the Cowley County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, the preliminary engineering contract was signed and returned to Kirkham Michael. Kirkham Michael will now start the design process in anticipation of an April 2025 letting date.

11.01.2023: The RFQ to select a firm for preliminary engineering was ran on September 29, 2023, and ended on October 24, 2023. Kirkham Michael was the only firm to submit an SOQ. An RBA will be made and presented to the Commissioners on November 07, 2023, to confirm the firm selection and move forward with the preliminary engineering.

08.31.2023: Cowley County was awarded \$2,000,000.00 for the replacement of OS 133 (Pudden Bridge).

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OS 101 (BROWN'S BRIDGE)

UPDATED

Location: 155TH Rd, 2.75 miles north of US Hwy 166.

RFB Date:
Letting Date:
Earliest Start Date:
Contract End Date:
Construction Date:
Completion Date:

Working Days:
Completion %: 0
Liquid Damages, Days: 0

Misc. Information: None

Status:

09.05.2025: Cowley County Public Works sent out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to Burns McDonnell, Finney & Turnipseed, Kirkham Michael, MKEC, Schwab Eaton, and Watearth to solicit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) for the survey, geotechnical services, and preliminary engineering on OS 101 (Brown's Bridge). The deadline for submittal is October 01, 2025, at 12:00 PM. A Selection Committee will be formed on October 02, 2025, to evaluate the Statement of Qualifications and determine which firm will provide the design services needed for this project.

09.04.2025: Cowley County Public Works was notified by the State of Kansas to receive Off-System Grant Funding of OS 101 (Brown's Bridge) in the amount of \$2,000,000 for a bridge replacement project.

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BRIDGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (BIP)

UPDATED

Location: Multiple locations throughout Cowley County/

RFB Date:
Letting Date:
Earliest Start Date:
Contract End Date:
Construction Date:
Completion Date:

Working Days:
Completion %: 0
Liquid Damages, Days: 0

Misc. Information: None

Status:

09.16.2025: The Bridge Investment Program (BIP) is a Federal Grant Opportunity to apply for a significant amount of funding to replace inefficient bridge structures on the transportation infrastructure within Cowley County. The Board of County Commissioners discussed moving forward with the survey, geotechnical services, and preliminary engineering of 15 structural deficient bridges. The Public Works Office will submit a Letter of No Prejudice to the FHWA for the possibility of reimbursement of any expenses incurred before applications are submitted and selections are made. To have the possibility of qualifying for reimbursement, a Request for Qualifications will need to be submitted, and a Quality Based Selection will need to be performed. The Public Works Office will complete this work at the appropriate time.

The bridges selected for this program are as follows:

BRIDGE	LOCATION
OS 83	Tributary to Walnut River on 71 st Rd, just north of Green's Farm Road (Cowley Route 17).
OS 144	Neer Bridge over Goose Creek on 275 th Rd, 0.60 miles south of 281 st Rd (Cowley Route 07).
OS 97	Floral Bridge over Timber Creek on 92 nd Rd, just west of 131 st Rd.
OS 47	Over Durham Creek on 2 nd Rd, 0.10 miles west of 121 st Rd.
OS 152	Over Beaver Creek on 261 st Rd, 0.10 miles north of 292 nd Rd.
OS 12	Stewart Creek Bridge over Stewart Creek on 51 st Rd, 0.35 miles south of K15 Hwy.
OS 52	Rock Creek Bridge on 22 nd Rd, 0.65 miles east of 91 st Rd.
FAS 86	Over Timber Creek on 101 st Rd, 0.45 miles north of 132 nd Rd (Cowley Route 18).
OS 134	Crab Creek Bridge over Crab Creek on 223 rd Rd, 0.20 miles south of 232 nd Rd.
OS 100	Muret Bridge over Silver Creek on 232 nd Rd, 0.75 miles east of 151 st Rd (Cowley Route 01).
FAS 5	Over the Arkansas River on 256 th Rd (Cowley Route 10), 1.30 miles east of Gueda Springs.
OS 143	Over Goose Creek on 42 nd Rd, 1.30 miles east of 281 st Rd (Cowley Route 07).
OS 54	Over Walnut River on 42 nd Rd, 0.45 miles west of US Hwy 77.
OS 84	Over the Walnut River on E Chestnut Ave, 0.45 miles east of Arkansas City.
FAS 67	Over the Walnut River on 132 nd Rd (Cowley Route 18), 1.65 miles west of US Hwy 77.

ROAD AND RIGHT OF WAY PROJECTS

October of 2025

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HRRR 2025 (CR16, LOVERS LANE)

UPDATED

Location: 41ST Rd and U.S. Hwy 166 to 306th Rd and U.S. Hwy 77, 3.5 miles.

RFB Date:	October 21, 2025	Working Days:	0
Letting Date:	October 22, 2025	Completion %:	0
Earliest Start Date:		Liquid Damages, Days:	0
Contract End Date:			
Construction Date:			
Completion Date:			

Misc. Information: None

Status:

09.03.2025: Kirkham Michael submitted the final set of plans to KDOT. This project is set to let in October 22, 2025.

07.02.2025: The right-of-way purchase from Roger Darr is complete and has been submitted to Kirkham Michael for submission with the field plans to the State of Kansas. This stage of the project is complete, and the project is set to let in October of 2025.

05.28.2025: The right-of-way property acquisition process is on-going. Due to the length of time, Kirkham Michael is inquiring with KDOT to see if the acquisition is needed to move forward with the project as the acquisition is needed for past oversight and not for the project itself.

04.17.2025: Received documentation to start the acquisition process and speak with the property owners where right-of-way needs to be acquired. Gained permission from USPS and property owner to move a group of mailboxes from the right-of-way to private property.

03.24.2025: The Public Works Office is working on right-of-way acquisition for this project. We are also working with the USPS in Arkansas City for mailbox relocation for certain groups of mailboxes on the project to increase public safety when utilizing this part of the Cowley County transportation infrastructure. The final Plans have been submitted to KDOT and KDOT has returned the preliminary plans that will be utilized by the construction observer for CE services.

01.17.2025: The State of Kansas has moved the letting date of this project from April 18, 2025, to July of 2025 with no specific day in July given at this time. The justification for the move was to allow more time for plan production.

11.19.2024: The half tanker to replace the culvert on 302nd Rd has been received at the Arkansas City Road and Bridge Shop. The crew plans to install the half tanker in January of 2025.

10.08.2024: KDOT has responded to the additional request submitted by Kirkham Michael on behalf of Cowley County. They have accepted the additional costs for replacing all of the guardrail on CR16 and the sawcut to have a clean line when widening the roadway. They declined the addition of replacing the RCB on 302nd Rd, replacing or moving the mailboxes, and the sealcoat after the work is completed. Approval to purchase a half tanker culvert was made by the Commissioners on 10.15.2024. District 2 will replace the culvert this winter, with a likely timeframe of early in 2025.

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09.24.2024: Public Works has requested KDOT to conduct the Quality Based Selection for Construction Engineering Services on this project. We have also requested that the Construction Engineering Services be participating with matching funds. This project is still on schedule for an April 2025 letting date.

08.27.2024: Cowley County and Kirkham Michael have submitted additional requests to the State for this project. Those additional requests include all new guardrail placed on CR16, a seal to add to the bond when new materials are added to widen the roadway, the replacement of one RCB, and the replacement of mailboxes due to numerous mailboxes not being compliant or crash worthy. We expect to hear back from the State in a timely manner and will report on their acceptance or denial of the additional requests.

07.09.2024: Cowley County has requested that additional work be added to the plans for KDOT approval. The additional work would include replacing a box culvert, replacing all guardrails, adding a chip seal with fog coat on the road, and replacing all mailboxes. Kirkham Michael will submit the request and return when they have a reply.

06.26.2024: Kirkham Michael was on site and completed some field checks on CR16 (Lover's Lane) to address some concerns that were identified within the plans.

06.18.2024: The Field Check Meeting was conducted on site at the Cowley County Courthouse. Mathew Graham, with KDOT, was present as the state representative for local projects. Any issues or unknowns with the plans were brought to attention with an appropriate amount of time given to find solutions.

06.05.2024: The on-site field check from KDOT is scheduled for June 18, 2024, at 10:30 AM, and will take place in assembly room 108 at the Cowley County Courthouse.

06.03.2024: Mathew Graham from KDOT has reached out to the county and Kirkham Michael about setting up a date for a field check for this month.

02.08.2024: The contract with the State of Kansas has been signed by the commissioners and returned to the state.

01.09.2024: Received an agreement with the State of Kansas for the HRRR Project for 2025. This agreement will be presented to the Cowley County Board of Commissioners on February 06, 2024, for their review and acceptance.

10.17.2023: Kirkham Michael was selected as the engineering firm that would provide the preliminary engineering services for this project. The Cowley County Commissioners signed the State of Kansas 1302 Form, committing the county to the HRRR 2025 project of CR16.

09.19.2023: The HRRR 2025 project for Cowley County for CR16 was assigned KDOT project number 018 C-5246-01 and Federal project number HSIP-C524(601) by the State of Kansas.

08.15.2023: A Request for Bids was released to five (5) engineering firms to select one (1) firm for preliminary engineering services on CR16 (Lovers Lane). The RFB will end on September 18, 2023, where documentation will be taken to the Cowley County Commissioners to select a firm to provide the needed services.

05.24.2023: Cowley County was selected to receive funding for the HRRR 2025 project for CR16 (Lovers Lane).

02.15.2023: Application for the HRRR 2025 program was submitted to the State of Kansas for CR16 (Lovers Lane).

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SAFE STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A) IMPLEMENTATION GRANT FOR DEXTER Y IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

NO UPDATE

Location: 162nd Rd and Kansas Highway K15.

RFB Date:
Letting Date:
Earliest Start Date:
Contract End Date:
Construction Date:
Completion Date:

Working Days: 0
Completion %: 0%
Liquid Damages, Days:

Misc. Information: None

Status:

07.22.2025: Received a letter from the State of Kansas notifying Cowley County of the award of grant funds for the local match portion of the SS4A Implementation Grant. This award will give Cowley County funds in the amount of \$365,433.40.

06.18.2025: Application for the SS4A Implementation Grant was submitted to the FHWA for the Dexter Y Improvement Project. If grant funds are awarded, the split will be 80% Federal and 20% local match. An application was also submitted to the State of Kansas through the Build Kansas Program for matching funds. If approved, the State of Kansas will supplement funds that will cover 95% of the 20% local match. This would make Cowley County responsible for \$19,000 of the \$1,900,000 project.