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Traffic detoured at SH-66/Bird Creek bridge in Rogers County

An emergency project to build a detour route around the westbound SH-66 bridge at Bird Creek in Rogers County is complete. The westbound SH-66 bridge is now closed, and traffic is detoured onto the eastbound SH-66 bridge, which is accommodating two-way traffic. The speed limit in this area continues to be 35 mph, and drivers are urged to use caution while traffic adjusts to this new route.

A \$733,000 emergency contract to build the detour route began on December 8, and work finished late Sunday evening, eight days ahead of schedule. Due to concerns about the deteriorating conditions of the westbound bridge, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation has closed the bridge until it can be replaced, scheduled for 2012. Built in 1936, the bridge had logged more than 40 emergency repairs to holes in the bridge deck or to problems with the truss structure in the past two years.

Oversize vehicles are urged to plan ahead before travelling in this corridor. Additionally, drivers should plan for short delays in this area.

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