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AN UPDATE ON THE CREAMERY BRIDGE AND ESTIMATED TIMELINE OF REPAIR

Osawatomie, Kansas – City Manager Mike Scanlon toured the damage at the Creamery Bridge (8th Street) on Tuesday, April 6th, 2021, with Miami County Engineering Project Manager Matt Oehlert. Scanlon and Oehlert discussed the next steps necessary and the areas of repair that would be needed; primarily, the vertical hangers inside the south east arch in the northbound lane of the bridge.

Officials estimate that it will take an estimated 90-100 days to prepare specifications and submit permits for approvals to conduct the repairs (noting that this is an historic structure and all work will require approval by the State of Kansas); bid the repairs to be made this summer (2021); begin repairs in mid-late summer (2021); complete necessary repairs by the end summer/early fall (2021). During this process, officials must also certify the structure for the loads that can be carried and modify any signage required. Following the successful completion of these steps, the bridge and its roadways will be opened after construction completion in the fall of 2021.

The historic bridge was damaged on April 1st, 2021, following a motor vehicle accident and was subsequently closed to all traffic due to safety concerns. Updates regarding the bridge and other City news can be found at www.osawatomieks.org.

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