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## **U.S.169 road work to start next week**

Tuesday, March 12, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) plans to begin a concrete pavement patching and surface grinding project on U.S. 169 in Allen County. The project starts ½ mile south of the U.S.54/U.S.169 junction and continues south for 12 miles to the Allen-Neosho county line.

A pilot car operation will guide one-lane traffic through the work zone, with traveler delays of 15 minutes or less expected during daylight hours. Weather permitting, the project should be completed by September.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$2,044,385 to B & B Bridge Company, LLC, of St. Paul, Kan. According to Iola Area Construction Engineer Jerod Kelley, the work is being done to fix deteriorated concrete panels on the roadway and give the traveling public a smoother drive. He reminds motorists to obey the signs and flaggers, slow down and “Give ‘Em a Brake!” at the work zones.

Persons with questions concerning the project may contact Kelley at (620) 365-2161 or KDOT Southeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen at 1-877-550-5368. The project is funded under the T-WORKS transportation program. For additional information concerning T-WORKS, visit the website, [www.ksdot.org/tworks](http://www.ksdot.org/tworks).

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