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U.S.169 road work to resume in late July

Concrete patching operations have been completed on the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) patching and surface grinding project on U.S. 169 in Allen County. **The project is currently inactive and open to two-lane traffic. Activity is expected to resume around July 29 when the contractor returns to finish sealing the cracks and grinding the pavement.**

The project area 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. When work resumes on the project, 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. According to Jerod Kelley, construction engineer with the KDOT Iola office, the entire project should be finished before Labor Day.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$2,044,385 to B & B Bridge Company, LLC, of St. Paul, Kan. Kelley said 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.

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