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U.S. 400 pavement patching project moves to Wilson County

The week of July 23, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) expects to move U.S. 400 pavement patching operations into Wilson County, working from the Greenwood-Wilson county line eastward. The major concrete patching project began in early July and covers Greenwood, Wilson, Montgomery and Labette counties. The patching extends from the Butler-Greenwood county line east for 88 miles, ending at Trego Road east of Parsons.

The contractor may operate two separate work zones, with traffic reduced to one lane guided by a pilot car at each location. Commuters should be aware that construction will start before sunrise – as early as 5:00 a.m. – and last throughout the day. Motorists can expect delays of 15 minutes or less at each work zone. The work zones will be active on weekdays Monday through Friday, weather permitting, and possibly on Saturdays.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$2.6 million to Iowa Erosion Control, Inc., of Victor, Iowa. The entire project should be completed by October 2012.

According to Iola Area Construction Engineer Jerod Kelley, the road work is being done to extend the service life of the pavement. 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. This highway preservation project is funded under the T-WORKS transportation program.

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