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U.S. 54 chip seal project starts between Iola and Yates Center

Wednesday, Aug. 29, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) began a project to resurface 17.7 miles of U.S. 54 with a chip seal between the west city limits of Iola and the east city limits of Yates Center.

The project will smooth the road and fill surface defects that can shorten pavement life. Workers will spread a thin layer of asphalt over the pavement and then coat it with a layer of rock chips that is pressed into place with heavy rollers. A pilot car operation will guide one-lane traffic through the work zone; expect delays of 15 minutes or less during daylight hours when the project is active.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$683,787 to Blevins Asphalt Construction Co., Inc., of Mount Vernon, Mo. Weather permitting, the project should be finished in two weeks. Jerod Kelley, KDOT Iola Area Construction Engineer, reminds drivers to reduce their speed, obey the signs and flaggers, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" at the work zone. 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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