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Resurfacing project begins July 16 on U.S. 54

Monday, July 16, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) plans to begin a resurfacing project on U.S. 54 in Greenwood and Woodson counties. The project runs from the east U.S.54/K-99 junction east for 25 miles, ending at the west city limits of Yates Center.

The contractor will mill the roadway at the approaches to the Verdigris River Bridge and at tie-ins on each end of the project. A one-inch asphalt overlay will then be placed on the entire roadway. 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 mid-September.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$1,808,530 to SE-KAN Asphalt Services, Inc., of Gas, Kan. According to Iola Area Construction Engineer Jerod Kelley, the project is being done to improve the ride of the road and increase 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. 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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