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Pavement marking projects to start next week

Weather permitting, on Wednesday, April 11, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) plans to begin the first of three highway pavement marking projects in Bourbon and Linn counties.

KDOT awarded the contract for each project to Roadsafet Traffic Systems of El Dorado, Kan. The first project, scheduled to start on April 11 and be completed by May 9, begins south of the north city limits of Fort Scott and continues north for 13 miles to the Bourbon-Linn county line. According to KDOT Iola Area Construction Engineer Jerod Kelley, "The project will remove the old pavement markings and replace them with new in order to improve reflectivity and visibility to the traveling public." A mobile operation will place the new pavement markings, with no significant travel delays expected. The cost of the project is \$332,293.

The second project, on U.S. 69 from the Bourbon-Linn County line north for 3.7 miles in Linn County, will begin around May 9 and should be finished by May 17. A mobile operation will be used on this project, which has a \$90,031 contract.

The final 3.5-mile project is on U.S. 54, starting at the concrete pavement one mile west of the north U.S. 69/U.S. 54 junction and continuing east to the junction, then resuming at the east city limits of Fort Scott and continuing east to the Kansas-Missouri state line. This project should begin around May 17 and end by June 1, conditions permitting. A pilot car operation will guide one-lane traffic through the work zone on the

U.S. 54 project. Motorists can expect delays of as long as 15 minutes. The cost of the project is \$125,133.

Kelley reminds drivers to obey the signs and flaggers and “Give 'Em a Brake!” at the work zone. Persons with questions may contact Kelley at (620) 365-2161 or KDOT Southeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen at 1-877-550-5368. The projects are funded under the T-WORKS transportation program. For additional information concerning T-WORKS, visit the website, www.ksdot.org/tworks.

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