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Traffic switch this week on U.S. 54 preservation project

Thursday, Oct. 3, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) expects to place two-way traffic on the newly constructed eastbound lanes of U.S.54 at the east and west ends of the U.S. 54 preservation project from Lola to LaHarpe. Once traffic is running on the eastbound lanes, the westbound lanes will be closed for reconstruction.

The speed limit will be reduced to 45 miles an hour or less through the project. No delays are expected, although drivers are reminded to obey the signs and use extra caution along the work zones

Main Street in LaHarpe is now closed for a week to 10 days. During the Main Street closure First and Harrison streets at LaHarpe will be the only streets accessible from U.S.54.

KDOT awarded the \$10.4 million construction contract to Koss Construction of Topeka. The entire 5.4-mile U.S.54 project should be completed in late 2014. Persons with questions may contact KDOT Lola Construction Engineer Jerod Kelley at (620) 365-2161 or Jerod@ksdot.org, or KDOT Southeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen at 1-877-550-5368. For information concerning T-WORKS visit the website, www.ksdot.org/tworks.

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