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U.S. 59 resurfacing project to start in Labette County

Tuesday, June 25, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) expects to begin a resurfacing project on 11.65 miles of U.S.59 in Labette County. The section to be resurfaced runs north from the Oklahoma-Kansas state line to the south city limits of Oswego. The project includes resurfacing through the city of Chetopa.

The first phase of the project is called a surface recycle. Workers will use a truck-mounted heater to soften the top layer of the pavement, mix it with a rejuvenating agent, then reapply and smooth it all in one pass. The contractor will begin surface recycle operations at the north city limits of Chetopa, continue north to the south city limits of Oswego, then turn and proceed south to the state line and go north again, ending at the north city limits of Chetopa. A pilot car will guide one-lane traffic through the work zone, with delays of 15 minutes or less expected.

One to two weeks after the surface recycle is finished, the contractor will return to the same section of U.S. 59 and place a 1-inch overlay on the recycled surface. A pilot car operation will again be used and traffic can expect delays.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$1.5 million to APAC Missouri Inc. The entire project should be completed in two months, weather permitting.

The preservation project is part of the T-WORKS transportation program. Bob Gudgen, construction engineer at the KDOT Pittsburg office, reminds driver to slow down, obey the cones and flaggers, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" at the work zone. Those with questions may contact Gudgen at (620) 231-7560, or KDOT Southeast District

Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen, (620) 431-1000. For more information concerning T-WORKS projects visit the website, www.ksdot.org/tworks.

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