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Resurfacing project begins August 2 on K-7 in Bourbon County

Thursday, Aug. 2, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) plans to begin a resurfacing project on K-7 in Bourbon County. The project begins at the west U.S. 54/K-7 junction and continues north for 13 miles, ending at the west K-7/K-31 junction.

The contractor will first spot mill the roadway at various locations. Starting around Monday, Aug. 6, a ¾-inch asphalt overlay will be placed on the entire driving surface. Owing to the highway's narrow width, the contractor will pave both driving lanes at the same time. K-7 will be closed to through traffic at the work zone during daylight hours whenever the project is active. According to KDOT Iola Area Engineer Jerod Kelley, "The closures will be segmental and local traffic will be routed around the work zone on county roads." Kelley added that the project is being done to extend the life of the pavement.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$581,889 to Heckert Construction Company, Pittsburg, Kan. Weather permitting, the project should be finished in 15 days. 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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