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# **56<sup>th</sup> and 43<sup>rd</sup> Streets Affected by K-61 Construction**

As part of the planned construction for the new alignment of K-61 highway in northern Reno County, a section of 56<sup>th</sup> Street located between Tobacco Road and Halstead Street approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile west of existing K-61 highway, will be closed starting on Monday, March 5. This closure is required for the construction of the new K-61 interchange at 56<sup>th</sup> Street, all other sections of 56<sup>th</sup> Street will be unaffected.

56<sup>th</sup> Street will remain closed at this location until June, while the existing asphalt pavement is removed, earth work completed, and concrete pavement with connections to the four interchange ramps is constructed in the area of the new K-61 highway bridges.

While 56<sup>th</sup> Street is closed for the interchange construction, the temporary traffic signals currently installed at 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and existing K-61 Highway will be activated and the posted speed limit in this area will be reduced to 45 MPH. KDOT urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" when approaching and driving through a highway work zone.

Persons with questions about this road work can contact the KDOT South Central Kansas Public Affairs Manager, Martin Miller at 620-663-3361 or 1-877-550-5368 (Toll Free). Highway construction project locations and road condition information can be viewed at the <http://511.ksdot.org> website or you can receive recorded information by calling 511.

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