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Pavement testing in Kiowa and Pratt counties to begin

Pavement testing on U.S. 54 and U.S. 281 in Kiowa and Pratt counties will begin Tuesday, Aug. 29. The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) conducts these pavement tests annually on different highway segments, using a Falling Weight Deflectometer (FWD), a device equipped with a series of weights that checks the strength of asphalt pavement. The project is scheduled to be completed, weather permitting, on Thursday, Aug. 31.

The pavement strength tests will affect the following routes:

- U.S. 54 from east city limits of Greensburg east to the U.S. 54/U.S. 281 intersection both eastbound and westbound lanes
- U.S. 281 from Pratt/Stafford county line south to the U.S. 281 /K-42 junction both northbound and southbound lanes

The testing crew will be using a lane closure operation to control traffic through the pavement test sections in Kiowa and Pratt counties during daylight hours only. The outside lane will be closed while testing is performed. The inside lane will remain open. KDOT urges drivers to be alert, pay attention to all work zone warning signs, slow down when approaching a work zone and be prepared to stop.

For more information about T-WORKS projects and funding visit the website, www.ksdot.org/tworks. Highway construction project locations and road condition information can be viewed at the <http://511.ksdot.org> website, or can also be accessed by telephone by dialing 511.

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 or other KDOT projects can call South Central Kansas Public Affairs Manager, Zach Oswald, at 620-663-3361 or call 5-1-1 from any phone in Kansas or 1-866-511-5368 if unable to access 5-1-1.

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