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## **US-281 Asphalt Overlay from Medicine Lodge to Barber/Pratt County Line to Begin**

Starting the week of June 26th, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) will begin construction of a 16 mile asphalt surface recycling project and asphalt overlay on US-281 Highway in Barber County, beginning at the US-160/US-281 junction in the city of Medicine Lodge north along US-281 to the Barber/Pratt County Line.

Traffic through this work zone will be controlled by flaggers and pilot car. With both lanes being affected, drivers can expect delays of less than 15 minutes. The work area will move daily and work will be underway during daylight hours only. All loads over 12' of total width should seek alternative routes. This preservation project is scheduled to be completed in October, depending on delays caused by adverse weather conditions.

Venture Corporation, from Great Bend, Kansas is the prime contractor for this \$1,752,000 project, which is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature. For more information about T-WORKS projects and funding visit the website, [www.ksdot.org/tworks](http://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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