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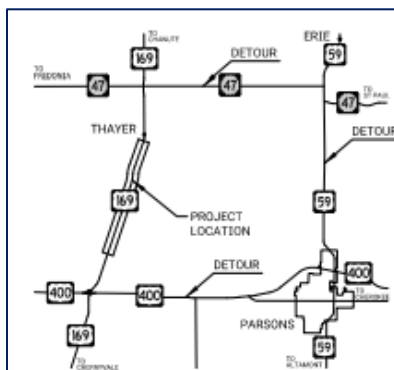
KDOT to close U.S. 169 section at the end of July

On Monday, July 31, the Kansas Department of Transportation plans to close U.S. 169 to traffic from Thayer south to U.S. 400. The closure is expected to remain in effect for 90 days, ending Oct. 29.

The closure is part of the active project to add passing lanes and replace the mainline pavement on a 7-mile section of U.S. 169 in southern Neosho County. Northbound U.S. 169 traffic should follow the signed state route detour as follows: travel east on U.S. 400 to U.S. 59, continue north on U.S. 59 to K-47, then proceed west on K-47 to U.S. 169. Southbound traffic should travel the same route in the opposite direction. Side roads along U.S. 169 that will initially be closed to local traffic are Cemetery, 60th, Chase, 20th and Brown.

Clarkson Construction Company of Kansas City, Missouri, is the primary contractor on the \$15 million project. The road work should be completed by mid-November, weather permitting. Check KDOT's updated traveler information website, www.Kandrive.org, for more highway condition and construction details. Persons with questions may contact Area Engineer Geryd Erbele at (620) 577-7314 or Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen at (620) 902-6433.

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