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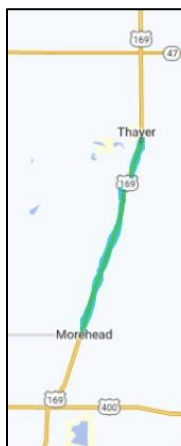
U.S. 169 passing lane and pavement replacement project will start in May

The Kansas Department of Transportation will soon begin work to add passing lanes and replace the mainline pavement on U.S. 169 in southern Neosho County. The 7-mile project, which is expected to start around May 8, runs from the Labette-Neosho county line north to Thayer.

Traffic will be carried through construction during the initial project phases. Later this year the work zone will be closed for 90 days, with traffic placed on a signed state route detour. KDOT will provide additional details in advance of this closure.

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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