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Construction of interchange at U.S. 160/169 to begin in early April

Monday, April 1, weather permitting, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) plans to start a project to construct a grade-separated interchange at the north U.S. 160/169 intersection east of Independence. The project area is on the four-lane section of U.S. 169, beginning approximately one mile north of the north junction and continuing south to end ½ mile south of the junction.

U.S. 169 traffic will initially be reduced to one lane in each direction at the north junction, with a driving lane width restriction of 12 feet. No wide loads are allowed through the project area. The speed limit in the work zone will be reduced to 50 miles per hour.

Following construction of a crossover, two-way U.S. 169 traffic will run head-to-head on the northbound lanes. County Road 5150 west of U.S. 169 and County Road 4400 east of U.S. 169 will be closed to all traffic during construction.

KDOT awarded the \$12 million construction contract to King's Construction Company of Oskaloosa, Kan. The new interchange is expected to be finished by summer 2020. Persons with questions may contact Darrin Petrowsky at KDOT-Independence, (620) 577-7312, or Priscilla Petersen at KDOT-Chanute, (620) 902-6433.

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