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Work to begin soon on Garden City's U.S. 50/83 bypass

Work will begin March 18 to replace just over 3.5 miles of concrete and asphalt pavement on Garden City's U.S. 50/83/400 bypass. According to Brian Kierath, Jr. with KDOT's Bureau of Road Design in Topeka, "This project is a full depth pavement reconstruction to replace concrete and asphalt pavement, some of which dates back to 1985. Pavement age combined with a high percentage of truck traffic makes this a necessary project at this time."

The project is a preservation project which will maintain the existing route and includes the following improvements to the bypass:

- the addition of turn lanes at Campus Drive facilitating smoother traffic flow;
- improved lighting at the Fulton Street interchange;
- a dynamic messaging sign (DMS) being added along U.S. 50 east of Campus Drive to advise drivers of road conditions;
- improvements to the City system at Spruce Street through a partnership between the City of Garden City and KDOT which will limit road closures at this intersection for the traveling public.

Koss Construction Company of Topeka is the contractor on this \$11 million project which is expected to be completed in December, weather permitting.

During phase I of the project, westbound bypass traffic will detour on U.S. 83/Taylor Avenue to K-156/Kansas Avenue to the bypass. Eastbound bypass traffic will detour on K-156/Kansas Avenue to U.S. 83/Taylor Avenue to the bypass. Weekly construction updates, detour routes and traffic impacts will be available on the project webpage at www.us50swks.org. For more information on this project, contact Craig Schlott, Construction Engineer, at (620) 765-7096 or Lisa Knoll, KDOT District 6 Public Affairs Manager, at (620) 765-7080.

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