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US-56 reconstruction projects about to start

The Kansas Department of Transportation expects work on pavement reconstruction projects on U.S. 56 through the towns of Montezuma and Ensign to begin by Monday, June 1. Both projects call for replacing the existing asphalt with concrete and replacing the storm sewers. Poor drainage and heavy truck traffic have combined to cause premature deterioration of the pavement. Rebuilding the storm sewers and rebuilding the existing roadway with concrete are expected to prevent these past problems.

Traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction through each town, with some lane widths as narrow as ten feet. Anyone hauling a wide load should seek an alternate route. The Kansas DOT urges drivers to be alert, pay attention to all work zone warning signs, slow down when approaching a work zone and be prepared to stop. Some side streets and entrances will be closed at various times during construction.

Koss Construction Co., of Topeka is the primary contractor on these two projects at a combined cost of approximately \$9.6 million. KDOT expects work on these projects to be completed by March 2016.

If you have questions on these projects, you can call Greg Adams, Construction Engineer, at 620-624-4451 or Kirk Hutchinson, KDOT Southwest Public Affairs Manager, at 1-877-550-5368 (toll free).

You can stay aware of all road construction projects across Kansas at www.kandrive.org or by calling 5-1-1. To learn more about this and other T-WORKS projects, visit www.ksdot.org/tworks.

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