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## **KDOT conducting pavement strength tests on US-54**

The Kansas Department of Transportation plans to conduct pavement strength tests on U.S. 54 through Ford, Clark and Meade counties, beginning Monday, July 27. All testing should be completed by Friday, July 31. KDOT expects the crew to begin at the Ford/Kiowa County line and work westward on U.S. 54 to the Meade/Seward County line.

The testing crew will be using a pilot car operation to control traffic through the pavement test sections. 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.

KDOT conducts these pavement tests annually on different highway segments, using a Falling Weight Deflectometer (FWD), a device equipped with a series of weights that checks the strength of asphalt pavement.

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