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## **Roadwork to begin on U.S. 24 in Thomas County**

Starting in mid-March, the Kansas Department of Transportation will begin work on a road construction project to overlay a portion of U.S. 24 in Thomas County.

The project will cover a 9-mile stretch of U.S. 24 starting at the east Colby city limits to the U.S. 83 junction. The scope of the project includes a 3-inch mill and inlay, and 1 1/2-inch overlay of new asphalt material on the roadway to help improve roadway conditions and extend pavement life. Centerline rumble strips will also be installed.

Traffic in the construction zone will be reduced to one lane and controlled by flaggers and a pilot car operation during daylight hours throughout the project. Minor delays, not exceeding 15 minutes, should be expected. Work is expected to be completed by early May, weather permitting.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs and "Give 'em a Brake!" when approaching and driving through the construction zone.

Venture Corporation of Great Bend is the primary contractor on the project, with a total contract cost of \$3.3 million.

The project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas legislature in May 2010. Find out more about this and other T-WORKS projects at <http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWORKS>.

For more information on this project, contact Rob Percival, KDOT area construction engineer at 785-626-3258 or [percival@ksdot.org](mailto:percival@ksdot.org).

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