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## **Roadwork to Begin in Smith County**

A project to seal 17 miles of U.S. 281 from Portis to U.S. 36 is scheduled to begin the week of July 23rd, weather permitting.

Traffic will be reduced to one lane and controlled by flaggers and a pilot car during daylight hours. Minor delays should be expected during construction, not exceeding 15 minutes.

The Kansas Department of Transportation urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and “Give ‘Em a Brake!” when approaching and driving through the construction zone.

KDOT awarded this construction contract – totaling \$190,000 – to Mid America Road Builders, Inc. **The project should be completed by early August, weather permitting.**

This project is funded by TWORKS, 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 questions concerning the project, please contact KDOT Area One Construction Engineer Jim Riener at (785) 543 2163 or [jriener@ksdot.org](mailto:jriener@ksdot.org).

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