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Roadwork set to begin on U.S. 281 in Russell County

The Kansas Department of Transportation expects to begin work this week on the delayed T-WORKS project to rehabilitate and reconstruct approximately 4 miles of U.S. 281 in Russell County.

Project work includes construction of a 30-foot paved surface with 3-foot turf shoulders starting at 15th Street in Russell and ending near Land Road. Approximately 2 miles of the road will be completely reconstructed on an offset alignment around a geological slide area that has caused issues on the current highway. In addition to the pavement work, a right-turn lane will also be constructed in the northbound lane at Land Road.

Work will be phased across two construction seasons and is expected to be complete in December 2021, weather permitting. During 2020, activity will generally be constrained on the shoulders with occasional daily lane closures. Traffic will be directed by flaggers with delays not exceeding 15 minutes. Construction in 2021 will require the closure of U.S. 281 with a state route detour in effect. More information regarding the detour will be released closer to the time of the closure.

Sporer Land Development of Oakley is the primary contractor for the project with a total contract cost of approximately \$9.8 million. For more information, please contact KDOT area engineer Nick Rogers at 785-625-9718 or nick.rogers@ks.gov.

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