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K-383 project underway in Phillips County

The Kansas Department of Transportation has started preliminary work on Phase I of the delayed T-WORKS K-383 modernization project in Norton and Phillips counties.

Phase I consists of approximately 6 miles of K-383 in Phillips County, starting 2 miles east of Long Island and ending at the U.S. 183 junction. Project work will include reconstruction and widening of the highway on its existing alignment into a 24-foot mainline surface with 6-foot paved shoulders. KDOT also plans to decrease side slopes along the route and will flatten several sections of hills to help improve motorist visibility.

Work this winter will mainly take place off of the roadway with minimal traffic impacts expected. The road will be closed for reconstruction starting in March 2022 and a state route detour will be in effect. Further information regarding the closure points and detour will be issued nearer to the closure date.

Venture Corporation of Great Bend is the primary contractor for the \$11.8 million project.

The 26-mile K-383 corridor was selected in 2011 as a modernization project under KDOT's T-WORKS transportation program. KDOT split the project into three separate phases for construction with Phase II consisting of the 6 miles from the east U.S. 36 junction to Alma and Phase III covering the 14 miles from Alma to east of Long Island.

For more information on the project, please contact KDOT area construction engineer Jim Riener at 785-543-2163 or public affairs manager Lisa Mussman at 785-874-8107.

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