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U.S. 36 Scheduled for Chip Seal in Smith County

Beginning Monday, July 9, a job to seal a portion of U.S. 36 in Smith County will begin.

Starting at the Phillips County line and continuing east to the west junction of US 281 (in Smith Center), workers will perform a conventional asphalt/chip seal. The resurfacing project fills surface defects that can shorten pavement life. Workers will spread a thin layer of asphalt over the pavement then coat it with a layer of rock chips that is pressed into place with heavy rollers. The process is an economical method intended to extend the life of the roadway.

Flaggers and a pilot car operation will guide one-lane traffic through the work zone during daylight hours. Delays of 15 minutes or less will be expected through the construction time frame. The public should plan their travels accordingly.

Please use caution, pay attention to the work zone signs, and respect workers when driving through any road construction zone. Slow down and "Give 'Em A Brake".

KDOT awarded the construction contract – totaling \$547,702 to Heft and Sons, L.L.C., of Greensburg.

The pavement resurfacing project is funded by T-WORKS, the Transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May of 2010; and designed to create jobs, preserve highway infrastructure, and spur economic development opportunities across the state.

Weather permitting, the entire construction project will be complete by the end of next week.

For questions concerning this project, please contact Area One Construction Engineer Jim Riener at (785) 543-2163 or jriener@ksdot.org in Phillipsburg; or KDOT Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager Kristen Brands at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton.

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