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I-70 construction work to alter traffic pattern in Eastern Sherman County

Significant changes to the normal I-70 traffic pattern will once again occur tomorrow as contracting crews will place travelers in a head-to-head configuration in the Westbound lanes.

At the Sherman/Thomas County line, I-70 traffic will be reduced to two lanes (one lane in each direction) for approximately one mile as construction crews reconstruct the curve at the Sherman/Thomas County line. The curve is being reconstructed to current standards; and at the same time contractors will lower the road to increase the clearance under the bridge.

This I-70 project spans from Edson (Exit 27) east eight miles to the Sherman/Thomas County line.

Work to re-pave this section of I-70 will also begin tomorrow. Crews will mill two inches of the existing asphalt and then place 3.5 inches of new asphalt material along the eight-mile section of the roadway.

I-70 traffic will be reduced to one lane in the milling/overlay construction zone, during daylight hours. 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 this construction contract – totaling \$7,080,225 – to APAC, Kansas Inc. of Hays.

The project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May of 2010.

For questions concerning this project, please contact Eric Oelschlager at 626-3258 or erico@ksdot.org in Atwood; or Kristen Brands, Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton. For more information about T-WORKS visit the website, www.ksdot.org.

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