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Westbound I-70 Lanes Now Open in Sherman County

Both westbound lanes of I-70 in Sherman County are now open to normal traffic as construction wrapped up last Friday.

The project spanning from the Colorado/Kansas state line east to the Caruso Interchange (Exit 12) necessitated the closure of the I-70 westbound lanes on April 2.

Workers removed 12 miles of pavement before re-working the base and placing 11.5 inches of new concrete material.

Several interchanges, including the westbound safety/rest area near Ruleton, were closed during construction. They are now open to regular traffic.

“Although this year’s work on the roadway is complete, several operations adjacent to the interstate will continue into the winter months,” explains KDOT Northwest Kansas Construction Engineer Travis Scott. “We re-built the westbound lanes and shoulders this construction season; and will do the very same scope of work to the eastbound lanes next year.” Next spring, traffic will be placed in a head-to-head configuration on the new westbound lanes.

The port of entry/weigh station located at the state line will be relocated to the eastbound rest area location near Colby, for approximately 75 days next year.

Access to the Visitors’ Center near Ruleton will be maintained throughout all phases of this I-70 project.

Koss Construction Co., Inc., of Topeka, is in charge of this \$48 million project 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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