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Plans being made to Resurface U.S. 183 south of Phillipsburg

On approximately Wednesday, September 26, a job to repave a section of U.S. 183 in Phillips County is scheduled to begin.

The job will begin at the Rooks/Phillips county line and continue north to the east U.S. 36 Junction.

The scope includes first milling 2.5 inches of existing pavement and then inlaying a 2.5-inch lift of asphalt. "After this is completed, an additional 1.5-inch lift of asphalt will be laid to complete the paving operation," said KDOT Construction Engineer Jim Riener, of the Phillipsburg construction office. "The curb and gutter sections in Phillipsburg and Glade will receive a two-inch mill and inlay to maintain the existing elevation."

Center line rumble strips will also be added to this 13 mile stretch of roadway as part of the construction project. In 2007, KDOT implemented a policy to install center-line rumble strips in conjunction with new construction projects on many rural, two-lane highways that have at least a three-foot paved shoulder. The strips are intended to warn drivers that their vehicles are drifting across the centerline onto oncoming traffic, avoiding potential collisions.

Flaggers and a pilot car operation will guide one-lane traffic through the work zone during daylight hours. Delays of 15 minutes or less should be expected through the construction time frame. The public should plan their travels accordingly. Pay attention to the signs and workers within a construction zone, and "Give 'Em A Brake!"

KDOT awarded the construction contract - totaling approximately \$3,721,691 - to APAC Kansas, Inc. of Hays.

Subcontractors on the job include: Dustrol, Inc., Towanda, milling; Century Fence Company, Pewaukee, WI, pavement marking; Surface Preparation Technologies, Mechanicsburg, PA., rumble strips.

This repaving 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, this construction job will be complete by mid-November.

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

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