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Osborne County roadwork will Begin on U.S. 281

Beginning on approximately June 11, a road construction project to overlay a portion of U.S. 281 is set to begin in Osborne County.

Specifically, the job begins south of the U.S. 281/U.S. 24 junction (at the north end of Osborne) and extends north to the Smith County line (near Portis).

The scope includes a two-inch mill and overlay of new asphalt material on approximately eight miles of the roadway.

Traffic will be reduced to one lane; and controlled by flaggers and a pilot car operation during daylight hours on this project. Minor delays should be expected through the construction time frame, not exceeding 15 minutes. 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 this construction contract - totaling \$1,328,256 - to APAC Kansas Inc. Shears Division, of Hays.

Subcontractors on the job include: Dustrol Inc. (Towanda), milling; Twin Traffic Marking Corporation (Kansas City), permanent pavement markings.

This pavement reconstruction 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 project will be complete by the end of June.

For questions concerning this project, please contact KDOT 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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