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KDOT conducting pavement strength tests in Ness and Hodgeman Counties next week

The Kansas Department of Transportation plans to conduct pavement strength tests on highways K-4 and K-147 in Ness County and U.S. 283 and K-156 in Hodgeman County beginning Monday, August 5. All testing should be completed by the end of the week.

The crew plans to begin on K-4, from the junction with U. S. 283 to the Ness/Rush county line, with testing also scheduled for K-147 in Ness County. The two test sections in Hodgeman County include U.S. 283 from Jetmore to the Hodgeman/Ness county line and K-156 from the Finney/Hodgeman county line to Jetmore.

The testing crew will be using a pilot car operation to control traffic through the pavement test sections. The Kansas DOT urges drivers to be alert, pay attention to all work zone warning signs, slow down when approaching a work zone and be prepared to stop.

KDOT conducts these pavement tests annually on different highway segments, using a Falling Weight Deflectometer (FWD), a device equipped with a series of weights that checks the strength of asphalt pavement.

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