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Overlay Starts Tomorrow on Prairie Dog State Park Road

Beginning tomorrow, a job to overlay K-261 Highway into the Prairie Dog State Park will begin.

The project begins at the U.S. 36 junction and continues into state park's main office. The scope includes a mill and hot-mix overlay of asphalt material. Contractors will mill one inch of the existing pavement, and then place a two-inch lift of new asphalt material to complete the 1 mile project.

"Contractors moved this job up on their summer schedule, and will get started tomorrow," explains Jim Riener – KDOT's Construction Engineer in Phillipsburg's office. "The project should be entirely complete by the weekend."

Flaggers and a pilot car operation will guide one-lane traffic through the work zone during daylight hours. Delays of 15 minutes or less will be expected through the construction time frame. The public should plan their travels accordingly.

KDOT awarded the construction contract - totaling \$173,010 - to Venture Corporation, of Great Bend.

This highway 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.

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

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