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## **Project to seal U.S. 36 In Phillips County will start soon**

Beginning as early as next week, a job to seal a section of U.S. 36 Highway in Phillips County will begin – weather permitting.

Starting at the Norton/Phillips County line, and extending east approximately 17 miles, workers will spread a thin layer of asphalt oil over the pavement then coat it with a layer of rock chips that are pressed into place with heavy rollers. Chip Seals are a low cost method of sealing minor cracking in a roadway, preventing water from seeping into the pavement and therefore extending the life 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 the chip seal construction contract - totaling \$558,315 - to Blevins Asphalt Construction Co. of Mt. Vernon, Missouri.

Weather permitting, the U.S. 36 seal project will be complete by September 13.

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

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