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Road Construction Started on U.S. 24 in Thomas and Sheridan Counties

Work is now underway to repave a section of U.S. 24 Highway in Thomas and Sheridan Counties.

The project extends from the U.S. 83 Junction east to the Sheridan/Graham County line. The project also encompasses work on K-186 from Sequin to the U.S. 24 Junction; and K-188 from Menlo to the U.S. 24 Junction. Late last week, workers started milling along the bridge locations. They will mill approximately ¾-inch of the existing surface of the mainline beginning this week.

Later this week, workers will overlay 1.5 inches of new asphalt material along the milled surface.

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.

Please use caution, pay attention to the work zone signs, and respect workers when driving through any road construction zone. Slow down and "Give 'Em A Brake".

KDOT awarded the construction contract – totaling \$4,263,886 to Venture Corporation, of Great Bend. Sub-Contractors on the job are: Dustrol Inc., milling; and Roadsafe Traffic Systems, pavement markings.

The pavement resurfacing 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, the entire construction project will be complete by the first part of September.

For questions concerning this project, please contact Area Four Construction Engineer Stuart Withington at (785) 672-3113 or stuartwi@ksdot.org in Oakley; or KDOT Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager Kristen Brands at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton.

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