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Work to start soon on K-18 and K-232 In Russell County

Road construction could begin as early as next week on portions of K-18 and K-232 in Russell County.

The scope of the work on K-18 includes a 1.5-inch overlay beginning at the east U.S. 281 junction (near Luray), and continuing east to the Lincoln County line.

The scope of the work on K-232 includes a 1.5-inch mill and inlay, followed by a 1.5-inch overlay of new asphalt material beginning at the K-18 junction and continuing southeast to the Lincoln County line. The shoulders will be widened on the K-232 section. Both construction operations will cover 22 miles on the two highways.

Flaggers and a pilot car operation will guide one-lane traffic through the work zones during daylight hours. Delays of 15 minutes or less should be expected through the construction time frame. 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 \$4,179,991 construction contract to Venture Corporation, of Great Bend.

Sub-contractors on the job include: Interstate Road Management Corporation, Peculiar, Missouri, permanent pavement markings.

This preservation 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 project will be complete by November 30.

For questions concerning this project, please contact Area Three Construction Engineer Nick Rogers at (785) 625-9718 or nrogers@ksdot.org; or KDOT Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager Kristen Brands at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton.

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