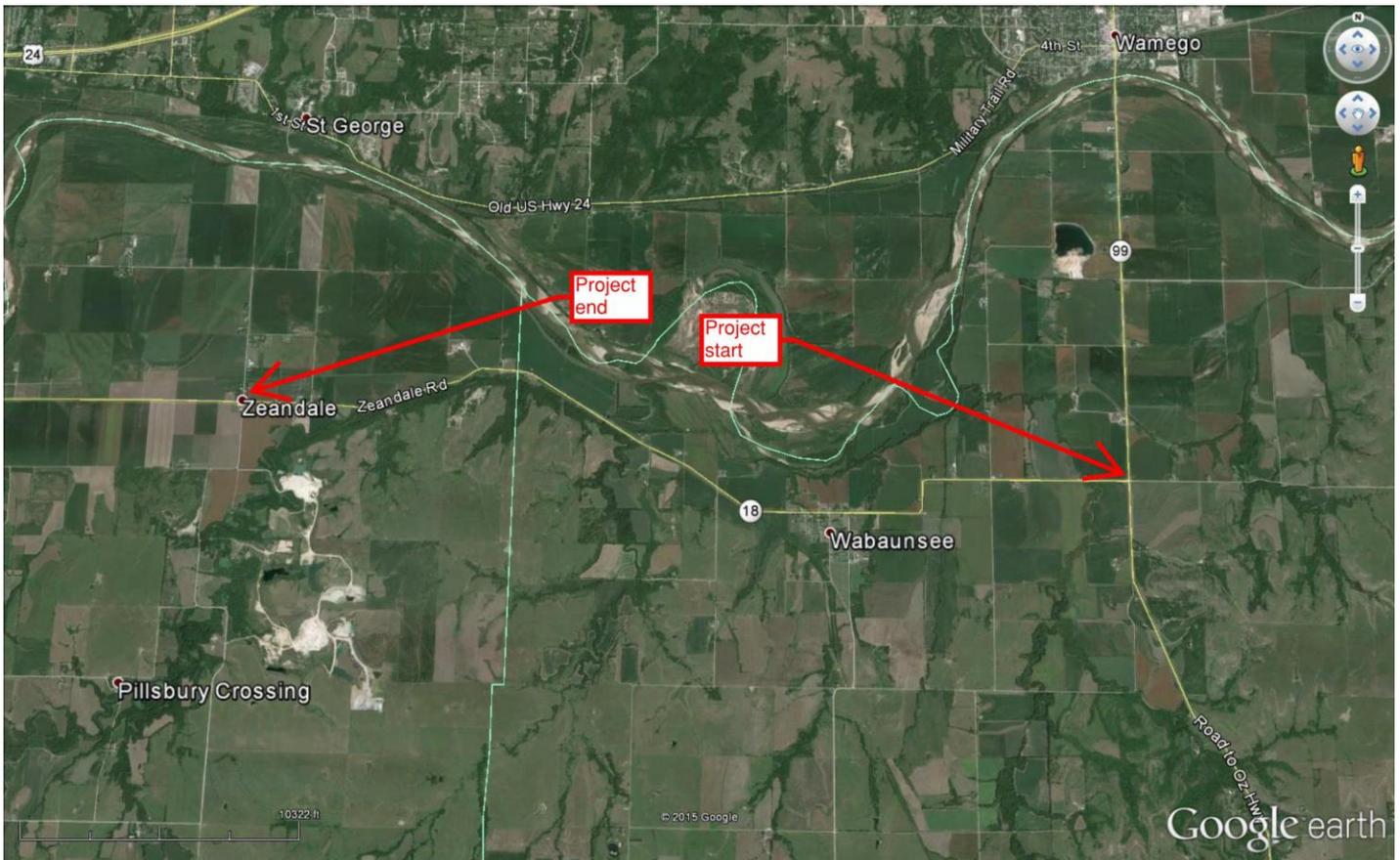


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K-18 Resurfacing Project to Begin in Riley & Wabaunsee Counties

On **Wednesday, April 8**, weather permitting, a resurfacing project will begin on a 7.2-mile portion of K-18 beginning at the K-99 junction (Wabaunsee County) heading west to the Zeandale Road junction (Riley County). Project work includes the milling of 0.5-inch of existing pavement

followed by a new 1.5-inch asphalt overlay. Once the mill and overlay work is completed, KDOT paint crews will apply new pavement markings on the resurfaced roadway.

Work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work. The work will be coordinated so that all lanes will be opened to traffic by one-half hour before sunset.

Beginning on **Wednesday, April 8**, eastbound and westbound K-18 will be reduced to ONE OPEN LANE for both directions in several mile increments beginning at the K-99 junction and heading west. Traffic will be reduced to one lane for both directions on K-18 along with intermittent closures of adjacent cross roads during the project work hours.

Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via a pilot car and flagger operation. Drivers should expect delays of up to 15 minutes maximum and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. There will be an 11-foot lane width restriction and a reduced speed limit on the portions that are directed via the pilot car and flagger operations. No large structures or superloads will be allowed through the project work zone.

The Kansas Department of Transportation urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and “Give ‘Em a Brake!” when approaching and driving through the project work zone.

Shilling Construction Co. Inc. (Manhattan, KS) is the primary contractor on this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$675,117. **Project work is scheduled to be completed in early May 2015, weather permitting.**

This project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. Find out more about this and other T-WORKS projects at:

<http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/>.

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