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K-113 & K-18 Diverging Diamond Interchange Project in Manhattan

On **Wednesday, April 5**, weather permitting, construction work on a new diverging diamond interchange project will begin at the existing K-113 and K-18 interchange in Manhattan (Riley County). Project work includes replacing the existing diamond interchange with a new diverging diamond style interchange on K-113 at K-18 (K-18 bridges will not be impacted). Work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, with some occasional weekend work.

Project construction will be completed in five phases with traffic carried through the project in both directions as follows:

- Phase 1 > Construction of west half of project, including the ramps from K-113 to westbound K-18 and eastbound K-18 to K-113.
- Phase 2 > Construction of east half of project, including the ramps from westbound K-18 to K-113 and eastbound K-18 to K-113. Traffic impacts: Access to Allison Avenue will be closed.
- Phase 3 > Construct concrete barriers. Traffic impacts: Access to Allison Avenue will be closed.
- Phase 4 > Construct concrete medians. Access to Allison Avenue will be reopened once traffic signal installation work is completed in the south crossover area.
- Phase 5 > Construct final 1.5-inch asphalt overlay and installation of permanent pavement markings and signage.

Beginning on **Monday, April 5**, northbound and southbound K-113 traffic will be reduced to one lane each direction throughout the project duration. K-18 through traffic will not be impacted.

K-113 traffic will have one 12-foot lane width restriction each direction and a posted 25 mph speed limit, 24/7 round the clock, through the work zone throughout the project duration. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via barricades, cones, and signage.

To see how a Diverging Diamond Interchange works, watch this drive through video of KDOT's first completed DDI located at I-35 & Homestead Lane (Johnson County):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L9k6jU-Se8I>. Updated traffic information for this DDI project can be viewed here: <http://www.ksdot.org/bureaus/TopekaMetro/projectstudyNEKS.asp>.

IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER: The Kansas Department of Transportation urges all motorists to be alert, take it slow, obey the warning signs, put down the phone, focus fully on the road, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" when approaching and driving through the project work zone.

Amino Brothers Co. Inc. (Kansas City, KS) is the primary contractor on this \$2.587 million DDI project. **The project is scheduled to be completed and opened to traffic by mid-December 2017, weather permitting.** Permanent seeding and pavement marking work is scheduled to be completed by April 2018, 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/>.

For more information on this DDI project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Matt Mackeprang, Construction Manager, at (785) 456-2353. (KDOT Project #18-81 KA-3042-01).

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