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For Thursday, May 19, 2011 in Pottawatomie County

US-24 from Manhattan to Wamego

Effective **Wednesday, May 18, 2011,** lower speed limits were implemented along US-24 from the east Manhattan city limits east to Kaw Valley Road just west of Wamego in Pottawatomie County. Kansas Department of Transportation crews installed the new speed limit signs yesterday. Speed limit changes along this stretch of US-24 are as follows:

- From the east city limits of Manhattan to the west city limits of Wamego, the speed limit was decreased from 70 mph to 65 mph, except for those areas specifically signed otherwise.

- A 60 mph speed limit zone was implemented on US-24 approximately 3/10-mile on either side of the US-24 and Flush Road intersection. KDOT crews also attached flags to the speed limit signs near the intersection to draw driver's attention to the newly reduced speed zone.

Two speed trailers were placed on either side of the Flush Road intersection, one each on eastbound and westbound US-24. The speed trailers will alert drivers to the speed they are travelling by posting the driver's speed on the trailer's lighted sign. The trailers will be placed intermittently near the Flush Road intersection on US-24 during the next several weeks to help prompt drivers to slow down and drive the posted speed limit.

A permanent radar speed limit sign will be installed in the next few weeks on the **westbound side of US-24** just east of the Flush Road intersection. The radar speed limit sign, also called "driver feedback sign," will display a vehicle's speed with the intent of prompting drivers to slow down.

Also, in the next few weeks, the 60 mph speed limit signs from Columbia Road west of Wamego to Kaw Valley Road will be replaced with 55 mph signs. KDOT crews are waiting on new speed limit signs for this stretch of US-24. We will let you know when this speed limit change becomes effective on this section of US-24.

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