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Work to begin on U.S. 24 in Graham County

Beginning approximately March 12, KDOT will begin work to repave a section of U.S.24 Highway in Graham County.

Starting at the Sheridan/Graham County line, and continuing east approximately 17 miles to the east city limits of Hill City, workers will perform the roadwork in three phases. They will mill three inches of the existing roadway, inlay 3 1/2-inches of material, then overlay 1 1/2-inches of asphalt material on this section of roadway.

Two other, smaller road projects will occur in Graham County in conjunction with this project. "During the same time frame, we will be overlaying a very small section of U.S.283 in Hill City," said KDOT Area Three Construction Engineer Nick Rogers. "Contractors will apply a 2-inch mill and inlay from the U.S.24 junction north .7-mile to the north city limits of Hill City."

Contractors will also resurface .8-mile of K-85 with 1.5-inches of material from U.S.24 south into Morland.

Flaggers and a pilot car operation will guide one-lane traffic through each work zone, during daylight hours. Delays of 15 minutes or less will be expected throughout the construction time frame. Please plan your travels accordingly, especially those commuting to/from work, during all phases of the construction.

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 this construction contract - totaling \$5.5 million - to Venture Corporation, of Great Bend.

Subcontractors on the project include: T.J. Campbell, milling, Oklahoma City, Okla.; and RoadSafe, pavement markings, El Dorado.

The pavement reconstruction project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May of 2010.

Weather permitting the construction work will be completed by this June.

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

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