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Box Culvert Replacement Requires Detour in Rooks County

Beginning approximately April 2, KDOT will begin work to replace a concrete drainage structure located two miles west of Zurich on K-18 in Rooks County.

Travelers will be routed onto an official state detour while the structure is being replaced. The detour route is as follows: From the U.S. 183/K-18 Junction north to the U.S. 24 Junction in Stockton, west to the U.S. 24/K-18 Junction north of Bogue.

The closure spans less than ½ mile on K-18 Highway at the culvert location. The rest of the route will remain open to local traffic. "It will be necessary to close a short stretch of K-18 in order to replace the drainage structure," said KDOT Construction Engineer Jim Riener, of the Phillipsburg construction office. "Closing the roadway will allow contractors to complete the work in a timely manner."

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 \$271,583 - to Reece Construction Co., of Scandia.

Subcontractors on the project include: Advanced Land Surveying & Drafting, construction staking, Hays; APAC Kansas, Inc., asphalt surfacing, Hays; Cillessen & Sons, traffic control, Wichita; Merz Bros. Construction, seeding and erosion control, Newkirk, Okla.; Thaxton Construction & Excavation, structure removal and grading, Salina..

The 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 Jim Riener at (785) 543-2163 or jriener@ksdot.org in Phillipsburg; or Kristen Brands, Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton. For more information about T-WORKS visit the website, www.ksdot.org/tworks.

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