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## **Soils team working On US-281 in Russell County**

Starting today, and continuing for approximately two weeks, a soils section of a geotechnical unit with KDOT will be performing field investigations along US-281 Highway.

The geotechnical study will occur along the corridor beginning at the north city limits of Russell, and continuing north to K-18 Highway.

The investigations will require sections of the highway to be restricted to one lane traffic for approximately ½-mile sections during daylight hours.

The geotechnical study is intended to gather information that is necessary for the detailed design of the proposed improvement of this section of US-281, which was selected as one of the modernization projects in northwest Kansas. The modernization project will be funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May, of 2010.

The project is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2018.

James Brennan will be in charge of the geotechnical study. For more information, please contact Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager Kristen Brands at (785) 877-3315 or [kristenb@ksdot.org](mailto:kristenb@ksdot.org). Upcoming road construction projects may also be viewed at the newly launched website for T-WORKS at : [www.ksdot.org/tworks](http://www.ksdot.org/tworks).

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