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## **Asphalt Overlay on US-56 Highway in Barton County set to begin**

Starting around Wednesday, September 4, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) will begin an asphalt paving project on US-56 Highway in Barton County. This US-56 project runs from the east city limits of Pawnee Rock to the west city limits of Great Bend. US-56 will have the roadway surface milled followed by an asphalt overlay. Project construction is scheduled to be completed by November, depending on delays due to adverse weather conditions.

Traffic through this work zone will be controlled by flagmen and pilot car, so drivers can expect delays of up to 15 minutes. There will be a 13 foot width restriction in the work zone, so vehicles with widths wider than 13 feet will need to use an alternate route. The work area will move daily and work will be underway during daylight hours only.

Venture Corporation from Great Bend is the prime contractor for this \$2,390,665 project, which is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. For more information about T-WORKS projects and funding visit the website, [www.ksdot.org/tworks](http://www.ksdot.org/tworks). Highway construction project locations

and road condition information can be viewed at the <http://511.ksdot.org> website, or can also be accessed by telephone by dialing 511.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and “Give ‘Em a Brake!” when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. Persons with questions about this road work or other KDOT projects can call South Central Kansas Public Affairs Manager, Martin Miller, at 620-663-3361 or 1-877-550-5368 (Toll free).

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