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Crews Prepare to Resurface U.S. 36 in Phillips County

Next Monday, August 6, a job to repave a portion of U.S. 36 Highway in Phillips County will begin.

Starting at the east city limits of Phillipsburg and continuing east to the Smith County line, workers will resurface 14 miles of the highway.

"The project will begin with contractors milling three inches of existing pavement, and then inlaying 2.5 inches of new asphalt material," explains KDOT Construction Engineer Jim Riener. "An additional 1.5-inch lift of asphalt will be laid down to complete the paving operation." The roadway will receive center-line rumble strips as part of the new construction. The rumble strips are an added safety feature that alerts travelers who are driving too close to the center line.

Flaggers and a pilot car operation will guide one-lane traffic through the work zone during daylight hours. Delays of 15 minutes or less will be expected through the construction time frame. The public should plan their travels accordingly.

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 the construction contract – totaling \$4,479,376 to APAC Kansas, Inc, of Hays. Sub-Contractors on the job include: Dustrol Inc., Towanda, milling; Century Fence Company, Pewaukee, Wisconsin, pavement markings; Surface Preparation Technologies, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, rumble strips.

The pavement resurfacing project is funded by T-WORKS, the Transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May of 2010; and designed to create jobs, preserve highway infrastructure, and spur economic development opportunities across the state.

Weather permitting, the construction work will be complete by late September.

For questions concerning this project, please contact Area One Construction Engineer Jim Riener at (785) 543-2163 or jriener@ksdot.org in Phillipsburg; or KDOT Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager Kristen Brands at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton.

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