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Work to begin on US-36 in Norton County

Beginning approximately February 27, KDOT will begin work to reconstruct a section of US-36 Highway in Norton County.

Starting at the east city limits of Norton, and continuing east approximately 4.5 miles to the US-36/K-383 Junction, workers will rebuild the roadway on existing alignment.

Work will begin in late February to extend or replace the drainage structures along this route.

Beginning on approximately March 12, workers will replace the US-36 drainage structure located just east of the intersection of US-36/K-67 (roadway to the Norton Correction Facility). "The box/bridge will be completely reconstructed one-half of the roadway at a time," explains Construction Engineer Jim Riener, of the KDOT Phillipsburg Construction office. "During the bridge work, one-lane traffic will be controlled with a traffic signal – halting traffic for a very brief period of time."

Continuing through the summer months, earthwork will be performed to provide flatter shoulders.

This fall the 4.5 miles of roadway will be reconstructed utilizing a cold recycle operation, followed by a five-inch overlay of new asphalt material. **Flaggers and a pilot car operation will guide one-lane traffic through the early autumn 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 Break".

KDOT awarded the construction contract - totaling \$4,945,124 - to Venture Corporation, of Great Bend.

Subcontractors on the project include: Sporer Land Development, earthwork; All Road Barricades, traffic control; Merz Bros. Construction, seeding/erosion control; Ballou Pavement Solutions, cold recycle; PCI Roads, LLC, safety barrier; Survey's, Inc., construction staking; Smoky Valley Electric, traffic signals; Reece Construction Co, concrete; J&J Contractors, concrete; Fulsom Brothers, Inc., guardrail and signing; Industrial Pipelines South Central, Inc., pre-watering.

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 January, 2013.

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.

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