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# **New Signage Will Change Speeds on US-281**

Between Monday, December 21 and 24, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) will begin to upgrade/replace road signage and change posted speed limits in Barton County. The signing enhancement project is scheduled to be completed by early January, depending on delays due to adverse weather conditions.

On the south outskirts of the City of Great Bend US-281 is a two lane rural highway running from south to north. Currently the posted speed limit changes from 65 mph to 55 mph approximately 860 feet southeast of the intersection of SE 20<sup>th</sup> Street; with the speed reducing as traffic approaches the City of Great Bend. The following changes will be implemented:

- Location of the 65 mph / 55 mph break will change to a location of 528 feet north of SE 30<sup>th</sup> Road.
- 55 mph break signage for northbound location will be relocated 1200 feet in advance of the speed limit break.
- Signage will be upgraded in size and utilize fluorescent yellow sheeting.
- Advisory plaques for the northbound and southbound approaches will be upgraded in size and utilize fluorescent yellow sheeting.

Traffic will not be affected by the signing enhancement project. Travel delays are not expected

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, Zach Oswald, at 620-663-3361 or 1-877-550-5368 (Toll free).

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**NOTE:** An electronic copy of US-281/SE 30<sup>th</sup> Road Intersection and US-281/SE 20<sup>th</sup> Road Intersection is attached to this release.

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