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US-50 Newton Expansion Projects to Add Passing Lanes

Starting around the end of January, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) will begin several projects to expand US-50 to include passing lanes on both sides of the highway immediately west of the City of Newton limits and 0.5 Mile East of US-50/K-89 Junction (West end of existing passing lanes). in Harvey County. The preliminary phase of the expansion project will focus on constructing box extensions for initial highway infrastructure. Project construction is scheduled to be completed in mid-October depending on delays due to adverse weather conditions. Traffic will be carried through the work zone while the construction takes place. Traffic slowdown expected with possibility of narrowed lanes.

Venture Corporation based out of Great Bend, Kansas is the prime contractor for the \$4,349,000 project outside the city of Newton limits and the \$1,634,000 project 0.5 Mile East of US-50/K-89 Junction (West end of existing passing lanes), which is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature. For more information about T-WORKS projects and funding visit the website,

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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