KDOT constructing roundabout at U.S. 59/U.S. 160 junction

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is starting a project this week to construct a one-lane roundabout at the intersection of U.S. 59/U.S. 160 in Labette County.

A roundabout is a circular intersection in which entering traffic yields to vehicles approaching from the left.

Using occasional flagging operations, the contractor will first set up traffic control and build temporary roads south of U.S. 160 and west of U.S. 59. When construction on the roundabout begins, two-way traffic will be routed on the temporary ‘shoo-fly’ detours around the work zone, with no significant driver delays expected.

The roundabout is expected to be finished and open to traffic by summer 2020, weather permitting.

KDOT awarded the $3.1 million construction contract to LaForge & Budd Construction Company of Parsons.

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