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Project to widen U.S. 169 rail crossing starts in late April - **UPDATE**

The week of May 8, weather permitting, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) plans to begin a project to widen the railroad crossing on U.S. 169 approximately three miles south of the U.S. 169/U.S. 160 junction. **This project was initially set to begin in late April but has been delayed a few weeks.**

Project activity includes extending the concrete box culvert at the crossing and widening the roadway to two 12-foot wide driving lanes with 10-foot wide shoulders. Two-way traffic will be carried through construction at a reduced speed of 45 miles per hour. The driving lane width restriction is 11 feet, with no wide loads allowed through the work zone. Occasionally traffic will be reduced to one lane controlled by flaggers, creating brief delays.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$618,213 to Klaver Construction Company of Kingman. This project should be finished by late summer.

Darrin Petrowsky, area engineer at the Independence KDOT office, reminds drivers to slow down and proceed with caution in the project area. Persons with questions concerning the road work may contact Petrowsky at (620) 331-3760, or Priscilla Petersen at the KDOT Chanute office, (620) 902-6433.

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