New date for highway closure

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UPDATE: U.S. 169 section in Allen County to close in early May for pavement reconstruction

Wednesday, May 2, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) plans to start a pavement reconstruction project on a seven-mile section of U.S. 169 in Allen County, from Minnesota Road south to Delaware Road. Project activity consists of replacing the concrete pavement on the mainline and interchange ramps, and reestablishing a new subgrade base.

Weather permitting, on May 2 this section of U.S. 169 will be closed to through traffic. The highway will remain closed between Minnesota and Delaware roads until the project is finished in the spring of 2019. The signed state route detour for U.S. 169 southbound traffic: from U.S. 54 at Iola proceed west on U.S. 54 to U.S. 75, travel south on U.S. 75 to K-39, then proceed east on K-39 to U.S. 169 at Chanute. Northbound U.S. 169 traffic should follow the same detour route in the opposite direction.

KDOT awarded the $16 million construction contract to Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc., of Columbia, Mo. Persons with questions may contact Darrin Petrowsky, KDOT area engineer at the Iola office, (620) 365-2161, or Priscilla Petersen at the KDOT office in Chanute, (620) 902-6433.

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