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KDOT repairing concrete panels on U.S. 400 in Wilson County

This week the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) began work to remove and replace faulted or broken concrete panels in the driving lanes on U.S. 400 in Wilson County, southeast of Fredonia. The project starts just south of the roundabout at the junction of K-47 and U.S. 400 and extends south and east to the Wilson-Montgomery county line. Over 11,000 square yards of damaged concrete panels will be removed and replaced with new 9-inch thick concrete panels.

This project is tied with the construction of the passing lanes on U.S. 400 southeast of Fredonia. Starting Monday, June 1, the contractor will start replacing the panels on both the east- and westbound lanes along the full 12 miles of the two-lane section north of the Montgomery-Wilson county line. Traffic will be reduced to one-lane with flaggers. Travelers should expect delays of five to 10 minutes during the concrete patching, which is a mobile operation.

KDOT expects to complete the concrete repairs in late July, weather permitting. After the concrete patching is finished a 4-inch asphalt overlay will be placed on U.S. 400 from the U.S. 400/K-47 junction to the Wilson-Montgomery county line. The overlay will encompass the new U.S. 400 passing lanes and should be completed by mid-October, weather permitting. Flaggers and a pilot car will guide one-lane traffic through the work zone during the overlay process. Traffic can expect delays of 15 minutes or less. A 12-foot driving lane width restriction will be in effect for wide loads within the project limits.

KDOT awarded Shilling Construction Company of Manhattan, Kan., the \$6.8 million construction contract. Tim Burton, construction engineer at the Independence KDOT office, reminds drivers to watch for the signs and flaggers, reduce speed through the work zone and “Give ‘Em a Brake!” Persons with questions concerning this project may contact Burton at (620) 331-3760 or Priscilla Petersen at 1-877-550-5368.

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