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Traffic switch next week on U.S.54 pavement preservation project

On Wednesday, June 4, weather permitting, two-way traffic will be switched from the westbound lanes to the eastbound lanes on the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) U.S.54 concrete pavement preservation project between Iola and LaHarpe. Following the traffic switch the contractor will begin replacing the concrete pavement on the westbound lanes.

Traffic on the bridge over Rock Creek, located on the project, will continue running on the westbound lanes while repairs are made to the eastbound bridge lanes. Once these repairs are complete two-way traffic will also be switched onto the eastbound lanes.

KDOT awarded the $10.5 million construction contract to Koss Construction of Topeka. The entire 5.4-mile U.S.54 project should be completed by the end of November 2014, weather permitting. Dayna Barlow, construction manager at the Iola KDOT office, reminds drivers to reduce their speed and use extra caution in the work zone. Persons with questions may contact Barlow at (620) 365-2161, or Southeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen at 1-877-550-5368. The project is funded under the 10-year T-WORKS transportation program. For more information concerning T-WORKS visit the website, www.ksdot.org/tworks.

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