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U.S.69 road work to begin July 7

On Monday, July 7, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) expects to begin a milling and resurfacing project on U.S.69 in Miami County. The road work will take place on nine miles of U.S.69, from one mile south of the U.S.69/K-68 junction continuing north to the Miami-Johnson county line.

The south 6.6 miles of the project involve milling 2½ inches off the existing highway surface and then placing a 3-inch asphalt overlay. The existing pavement on the north 2.4 miles is concrete, so the scope of work includes pavement and joint patching with a 3-inch asphalt overlay.

The contractor is planning to begin patching on the north section of the project on July 7. Traffic will encounter lane reductions and the speed limit will be reduced to 55 miles per hour. Weather permitting, this U.S.69 preservation project should be completed by summer 2015.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of $5.3 million to Chester Bross Construction of Hannibal, Mo. Donna Schmit, construction engineer with the KDOT Garnett Area Office, reminds drivers to use extra caution in the work zone, reduce their speed and “Give ‘Em a Brake!” The project is funded under the T-WORKS transportation program. Those with questions may contact Schmit at (785) 448-5446, or Priscilla Petersen, 1-877-550-5368. For more information concerning T-WORKS projects visit the website, www.ksdot.org/tworks.

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