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Pavement work on U.S.54 to resume

Monday, March 10, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) expects to resume pavement work on the U.S.54 concrete preservation project along the four-lane section between Iola and LaHarpe. The project, which began in July 2013, has been shut down over the winter months.

Both east- and westbound traffic will again be restricted to one lane throughout construction, with the speed limit reduced from Iola to LaHarpe. Access will be closed to side roads at various times for the duration of the project.

KDOT awarded the $10.7 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 engineer 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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