U.S. 169 reconstruction continues between Hawaii and Delaware roads

Minnesota Road south to Hawaii Road to be opened to traffic

Weather permitting, on Friday, Dec. 7, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) will begin the second phase of the U.S. 169 pavement reconstruction project in Allen County. Late Friday U.S. 169 will be closed from Hawaii Road at Humboldt south to Delaware (Tank Farm) Road. The contractor plans to immediately begin pavement removal operations on the two-mile closed section.

After the road closure goes into effect from Hawaii to Delaware, KDOT will reopen U.S. 169 to traffic from Hawaii Road north to Minnesota Road.

The road work is part of the overall U.S. 169 pavement reconstruction from Minnesota Road south to Delaware Road. Started in the spring of this year, activity on the project consists of replacing the concrete pavement on the mainline and interchange ramps, and reestablishing a new subgrade base.

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. Detour information can also be accessed at www.kandrive.org or by calling 511.
KDOT awarded the $16 million construction contract to Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc., of Columbia, Mo. The U.S. 169 project is expected to be finished and open to traffic in the spring of 2019, conditions permitting. 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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