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## **U.S. 169 rehabilitation projects start July 8**

Monday, July 8, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) expects to begin two roadway rehabilitation projects on U.S. 169 in Franklin and Miami counties, weather permitting.

The connecting projects start at the Anderson-Franklin county line and continue northeast for approximately eight miles, ending 1.2 miles southwest of the K-7 junction at Osawatomie. Based on a 44-foot roadway, the both projects will widen the highway to two 12-foot driving lanes with 10-foot asphalt and turf shoulders.

Traffic should not be significantly impacted during the first phase which will include extending drainage structures, widening shoulders and shaping ditches along the route. Beginning in 2014 the contractor will carry out a deep mill and overlay and complete paving on the shoulders. During the resurfacing phase traffic will be reduced to one lane at the work zone with flaggers and a pilot car. KDOT will release additional information concerning the second phase at a later date.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of approximately \$11 million to APAC-Kansas Inc. David Baldrige, construction engineer at the Garnett KDOT office, reminds drivers to obey the signs and use caution at the work zone. The U.S. 169 preservation projects are funded under the T-WORKS transportation program. Those with questions concerning the road work may contact Baldrige at (785) 448-5446, or KDOT Southeast District Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen, 1-877-550-5368. For more information concerning T-WORKS projects visit the website, [www.ksdot.org/tworks](http://www.ksdot.org/tworks).

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