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Work on US-56 and K-46 in Rice County set to begin

Starting around Monday, July 16, the Kansas Department of Transportation will begin asphalt paving projects on US-56 and K-46 highways in Rice County.

The US-56 project starts at the east city limits of Lyons continuing east 14 miles to the Rice/McPherson County line. There will be a 12 foot width restriction in the US-56 work zone, so vehicles with widths wider than 12 feet will need to use an alternate route.

The K-46 project will begin at the K-46/US-56 junction continuing north to the Little River city limits. There will be a 10 foot width restriction in the K-46 work zone, so vehicles with widths wider than 10 feet will need to use an alternate route.

These highway construction projects are scheduled to be completed in September, depending on delays due to adverse weather conditions.

Traffic through these work zones will be controlled by flagmen and pilot car, so drivers can expect delays of up to 15 minutes. The work zone area will move daily and work will be underway during daylight hours only. Highway construction project locations and road condition information can be viewed at the <http://511.ksdot.org> website, or can also be accessed by telephone by dialing 511.

Venture Corp. from Great Bend is the prime contractor for this \$1,864,806.20 project, which is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the

Kansas Legislature in May 2010. For more information about T-WORKS projects and funding visit the website, www.ksdot.org/tworks.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and “Give ‘Em a Brake!” when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. Persons with questions about the road work or other KDOT projects can call South Central Kansas Public Affairs Manager, Martin Miller, at 620-663-3361 or 1-877-550-5368 (Toll free).

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