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## **Highway Work Will Resume On U.S. 36 East of Norton**

As early as May 1, construction work will begin on the driving lanes of U.S. 36 from the east city limits of Norton to the east U.S. 36/K-383 Junction - pending weather conditions.

This project began last February, with work to extend and replace the drainage structures along the project's right-of-way. The work continued through last summer's construction season with earthwork – creating wider and flatter shoulders along this portion of the route.

The box/bridge (U.S. 36/K-67 intersection) adjacent to the Norton Correctional Facility was completely reconstructed in two phases, one lane at a time.

The work soon to resume includes the rehabilitation of the existing pavement. The scope includes a cold recycle of the top four inches of existing asphalt, following by the addition of five inches of new asphalt.

"Shouldering and seeding work will also be progressing throughout this construction season," explains KDOT Construction Engineer Jim Riener, of the Phillipsburg construction office.

**A pilot car operation will be used to halt traffic during daylight hours. Minor delays should be expected through the construction time frame. The public should plan their travels accordingly. Please pay attention to the signs and workers within a road construction zone, and "Give 'Em A Brake!"**

KDOT awarded this construction contracts - totaling \$4,945,124 - to Venture Corporation of Great Bend.

Subcontractors on the job include: Sporer Land Development, earthwork; All Roads Barricades, traffic control; Merz Brothers Construction, seeding/erosion control; Koss Construction, cold recycle; PCI Roads, LLC, safety barrier; Survey's Inc., construction staking; Smoky Valley Elec., traffic signals; Reece Construction Co., concrete; J & J Contractors, concrete; Fulsom Brothers, Inc., guardrail/signing; Midwest Contractors, boring for shoring.

This pavement reconstruction project is funded by T-WORKS, the Transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May of 2010; and designed to create jobs, preserve highway infrastructure, and spur economic development opportunities across the state.

Weather permitting, this construction project will be complete by August of 2013.

For questions concerning this project, please contact KDOT Area One Construction Engineer Jim Riener at (785) 543-2163 or [jriener@ksdot.org](mailto:jriener@ksdot.org) in Phillipsburg; or KDOT Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager Kristen Brands at (785) 877-3315 or [kristenb@ksdot.org](mailto:kristenb@ksdot.org) in Norton.

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