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Construction on US-54 east of Pratt set to begin

Starting around Tuesday, April 9, the Kansas Department of Transportation will begin a four lane highway construction project on US-54 Highway in Pratt County. The section of US-54 to be reconstructed to four lanes will begin at the end of the existing US-54 four lane section located four (4) miles west of the Pratt/Kingman County line, and continue west five (5) miles to 60th Avenue which is approximately four (4) miles east of the City of Pratt. Flagmen will be used to stop traffic at various times and locations to allow the crossing of construction equipment. Also, various side roads will be closed with signed detours directing motorist around these side road closures.

This project includes a 70th Avenue overpass over US-54. Construction is scheduled to be completed in December 2014, depending on delays due to adverse weather conditions.

Koss Construction Co. from Topeka is the prime contractor for this $26,231,000 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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