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Please Wait for Pilot Car in U.S.183 Bypass Work Zone

The road construction project to resurface the U.S. 183 Bypass in Hays is underway, and KDOT is urging motorists to obey the traffic signs associated with the work zone.

"We really need all drivers approaching U.S. 183 from the side roads to stop when the "Wait for pilot car" signing is in place in the construction zone until the vehicle displaying the "Pilot Car, Follow Me" passes the drivers' intended direction of travel," explains KDOT Construction Engineer Nick Rogers.

"We simply need all drivers to wait for the pilot car for their own safety, as well as the safety of those workers within the construction zone." The five mile job begins at the U.S. 183 junction within the south city limits of Hays and continues north to the I-70 junction.

The scope includes a partial mill and 1 ½-inch overlay of new asphalt material.

During construction flaggers and a pilot car operation will guide one-lane traffic through the work zone during daylight hours. Delays of 15 minutes or less should be expected through the construction time frame. The public should plan their travels accordingly. KDOT urges drivers to pay attention to the signs and workers within a construction zone. Please slow down and "Give 'Em A Brake!"

KDOT awarded the construction contract - totaling \$912,801 - to APAC Kansas Inc., of Hays.

The subcontractors on the job are: Dustrol Inc., of Towanda, milling; Twin Traffic Marking Corp., Kansas City, permanent pavement marking; Surface Preparation Technology Inc., Mechanicsburg, PA, rumble strips.

This highway 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, the work should be complete by mid-September.

For questions concerning this project, please contact KDOT Area Three Construction Engineer Nick Rogers at (785) 625-9718 or nrogers@ksdot.org in Hays; or KDOT Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager Kristen Brands at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton.

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