Resurfacing project begins August 27 on K-7 in Bourbon County

Monday, Aug. 27, asphalt paving operations will begin on a Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) resurfacing project on K-7 in Bourbon County. The 13-mile project starts at the west K-31 junction and continues south to the west U.S. 54 junction.

The contractor, Heckert Construction of Pittsburg, this week milled the roadway at the bridge approaches. Beginning at 7:30 a.m. Monday, starting at the north end of the project and working south, the contractor will place a three-quarter-inch asphalt overlay on the entire driving surface of K-7. **Owing to the highway’s narrow width, the contractor will pave both driving lanes at the same time.** K-7 will be closed to through traffic at the work zone during daylight hours whenever the project is active. The highway closures will be done in segments, with local traffic detoured around the work zone on county roads. Any possible delays should be less than 15 minutes.

The construction contract for the K-7 preservation project is $581,889. The road work should be finished in 15 days, weather permitting. Persons with questions concerning the project may contact Iola Area Construction Engineer Jerod Kelley at (620) 365-2161, or KDOT Southeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen at 1-877-550-5368. The project is funded under the T-WORKS transportation program. For additional information concerning T-WORKS visit the website, www.ksdot.org/tworks.