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## **Safe Routes to School sidewalk project begins June 20 in Wyandotte County**

A sidewalk improvement project near Bertram Caruthers Elementary School and Northwest Middle School in Kansas City, is scheduled to begin Monday, June 20, weather permitting.

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City project is part of the state and federal Safe Routes to Schools initiative and includes sidewalk improvements, seeding, signing and pavement marking.

Project work will take place in the following locations:

- Cleveland Avenue and Waverly Avenue, from N 18<sup>th</sup> Street to N 10<sup>th</sup> Street,
- N 18<sup>th</sup> Street, from Cleveland Avenue to Waverly Avenue, and
- N 13<sup>th</sup> Street and N 11<sup>th</sup> Street, from Cleveland Avenue to Lafayette Avenue.

The Kansas Safe Routes to School program enhances infrastructure and includes ways for both school children and community members to promote safety while walking and bicycling. It also encourages reduced motorist traffic around local schools to make daily pedestrian and bike travel more accessible.

For the duration of the project, all lanes adjacent to the work zones will remain open to traffic. Work will take place from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

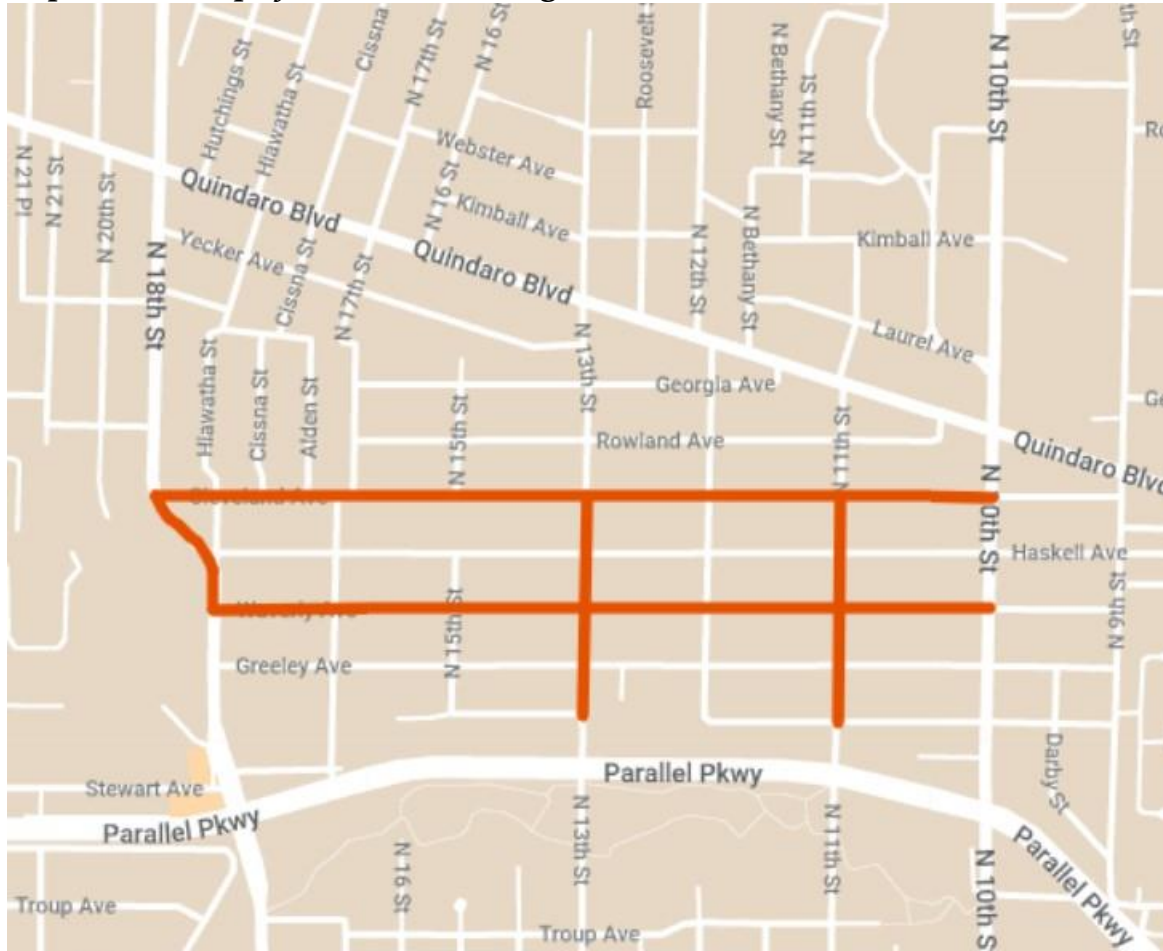
Channelizers and signs will be used to delineate work zones and guide traffic past construction; motorists should expect decreased speeds in work areas.

Julius Kaaz Construction, of Leavenworth, is the contractor for the \$980,000 project, expected to be completed in early November.

More information about the Kansas Safe Routes to School program is available at [https://www.ksdot.org/bureaus/burtrafficeeng/sztoolbox/safe\\_routes\\_to\\_school.asp](https://www.ksdot.org/bureaus/burtrafficeeng/sztoolbox/safe_routes_to_school.asp).

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert and obey the warning signs when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. To stay aware of all road construction projects across Kansas go to [www.kandrive.org](http://www.kandrive.org) or call 5-1-1. Drive safely and always wear your seat belt.

**Map below shows project locations in orange.**



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