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## **Detour will re-route travelers around two K-25 projects**

By March 15, two highway projects on K-25 in Logan and Thomas Counties will be under way, utilizing a state detour.

The first project is to reconstruct approximately 11 miles of K-25 from Russell Springs to U.S.-40 in Logan County. The road will be closed to traffic during construction, which could start as early as March 12. Plans are to remove the existing pavement, stabilize the soil/road base, and construct new, wider pavement – with six inches of asphalt material. When complete, the new highway will have paved shoulders with rumble strips. The rumble strips are an added safety feature that alerts travelers who are driving too close to the road's edge.

### **The official state detour will take travelers onto K-96, U.S.-83, and Interstate-70.**

A bridge replacement project on K-25 Highway in Thomas County will also utilize the same detour.

By March 15, KDOT will close the bridge located along K-25, approximately 2.5 miles south of I-70. While the bridgework is underway, K-25 will be closed from I-70 south approximately six miles.

“We realize that most local travelers will be utilizing the county road system to get to and from their destinations,” said KDOT District Three Engineer Jeff Stewart. “We have been coordinating with both Logan and Thomas counties for some time now, to prepare for these projects. We know this is an inconvenience to travelers and we apologize in advance. But these are important projects and improvements that must be made to preserve the system. These projects will make a difference and provide travelers a safe, efficient roadway between I-70 and Russell Springs.”

Weather permitting, both projects will be complete by the first part of July. At that time, the closed sections of K-25 will re-open to normal traffic and the detour will be discontinued.

Venture Corporation, of Great Bend, is the primary contractor in charge of the K-25 pavement replacement project in Logan County. The estimated cost of construction is \$5.6 million.

Subcontractors on that project include: Surveys Inc., survey work, Ellsworth; Century Fence Co., pavement markings, Pewaukee, Wis.; All Roads Barricade, Inc., traffic control, Lincoln, Neb.

KDOT awarded the K-25 Thomas County bridge replacement contract – totaling \$550,000 – to Simon Contractors of Cheyenne, Wyo.

For more information regarding this project or any other project, please contact KDOT’s District Three Engineer Jeff Stewart or District Three Public Affairs Manager Kristen Brands at (785) 877-3315 in Norton.

Both K-25 projects in Logan and Thomas counties are funded by the highway program T-WORKS. Road project information may be viewed at the T-WORKS website at: [www.ksdot.org/tworks](http://www.ksdot.org/tworks).

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