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U.S. 169 resurfacing projects to resume this month

Late this week or early next week (April 20-24) the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) expects work to resume on two deep mill and overlay projects in Allen and Anderson counties. The projects, which started in the autumn of 2014, have been shut down over the winter months.

The road work begins at the U.S. 169/54 junction at Lola and extends north for 18½ miles to the community of Welda. The southern project, from U.S. 54 north to one mile north of the K-58 junction, consists of a 4-inch mill and 7-inch asphalt overlay. The northern project, from one mile north of K-58 north to Welda, includes a 3-inch mill and 3-inch overlay plus guardrail installation at two locations.

KDOT awarded the construction contracts totaling \$8.85 million to Bettis Asphalt & Construction of Topeka. Flaggers and a pilot car will guide one-lane traffic through the work zone during daylight hours, with delays of 15 minutes or less. KDOT expects the projects to be finished by the end of July, weather permitting.

Donna Schmit, construction engineer with the KDOT Garnett Area Office, reminds drivers to use extra caution in the work zone, reduce their speed and "Give 'Em a Brake!" The preservation projects are part of the T-WORKS transportation program. Those with questions may contact Schmit at (785) 448-5446, or Priscilla Petersen, 1-877-550-5368. For more information concerning T-WORKS projects visit the website, www.ksdot.org/tworks.

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