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U.S. 400 passing lane project begins in Labette County

This week the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) started a project to construct passing lanes on both sides of U.S. 400 in western Labette County. The road work begins approximately ½ mile east of the Labette-Montgomery county line and continues east for 2½ miles.

The contractor is currently working on the highway shoulders and box extensions, with minimal delays to the traveling public. As the work continues the speed limit through the area will be reduced to 55 miles per hour. The new passing lanes should be completed this summer, weather permitting.

This is the first in a series of projects that will add eight sets of passing lanes on U.S. 400 from Butler County east to Cherokee County. KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$3.3 million to Shilling Construction Co. of Manhattan. Persons with questions concerning the project may contact Bob Gudgen, area construction engineer with KDOT-Pittsburg, at (620) 231-7560, or Priscilla Petersen at 1-877-550-5368. This highway expansion project is funded under the T-WORKS transportation program. For additional information concerning T-WORKS visit the website, www.ksdot.org/tworks.

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