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U.S. 400 passing lane project starts east of Parsons

This week the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) began a project on U.S. 400 east of Parsons to mill and overlay the driving lanes and construct passing lanes on both sides of the highway. The road work begins five miles southeast of the U.S. 400/U.S. 59 junction and continues east for approximately two miles.

The speed limit is reduced in the work zone. Traffic will be shifted in the driving lanes using pavement markings. Temporary signals will guide one-lane traffic through the project during early stages. In later phases flaggers and a pilot car will provide traffic control; expect delays of 15 minutes or less. Signs will be posted on side roads instructing traffic to wait for the pilot car. Flaggers will direct vehicles on cross streets that have larger traffic volumes. The project is active during daylight hours Monday through Friday, and sometimes on Saturdays.

A driving lane width restriction of 11½ feet is in effect for the duration of the project. No large structures will be allowed through the work zone. The road work should be completed by mid-August, weather permitting

This is one of the series of T-WORKS projects to add eight sets of passing lanes on U.S. 400 from Butler County east to Cherokee County. KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$3.9 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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