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U.S. 400 preservation project begins in mid-August

The week of August 10-14 the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) expects to begin a preservation project on U.S. 400 in Cherokee County. The project starts at the Labette-Cherokee county line and continues east for 13 miles, ending at the junction of U.S. 400 and K-7. This project is a mill/overlay and widening of the highway. The shoulders will be extended to a width of 10 feet, and passing lanes added on both sides of the U.S. 400. The seven bridges on this stretch will be patched and resurfaced with polymer overlays.

Work on the project will take place during daylight hours Monday through Friday, and occasionally on Saturdays. During early phases traffic will be carried through the work zone by a lane shift, using pavement markings and a reduced speed limit of 50 miles per hour. In later stages of the project, flaggers and a pilot car will guide traffic through the work zone with delays of 15 minutes or less. Signs on side roads will instruct vehicles to wait for the pilot car. **There is a driving lane width restriction of 11 feet. No large structures of super loads will be allowed through the project work zone.**

This project will shut down over the 2015-16 winter season, with work resuming in the spring of 2016. The entire project will be completed by late 2016, weather permitting.

KDOT awarded APAC-Kansas, Inc., Shears Division of Hutchinson the \$18.3 million construction contract. Bob Gudgen, construction engineer at the KDOT Pittsburg office, reminds drivers to slow down, obey the signs and flaggers, and “Give ‘Em a Brake!” in the work zone. Persons with questions concerning the project may contact Gudgen at (620) 231-7560 or Priscilla Petersen at 1-877-550-5368. The 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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