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Resurfacing project on U.S. 69A, U.S. 166 will start April 18

Monday, April 18, weather permitting, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) plans to begin a resurfacing project on U.S. 69A and U.S. 166 in Cherokee County. This project had been scheduled to start on April 4, but was postponed.

Starting on U.S. 69A at the Oklahoma-Kansas state line and continuing north to the roundabout west of Riverton, the contractor will mill 1½-inches off the roadway, followed by a 1½-inch asphalt overlay and the placement of edge line rumble strips and new pavement markings. The road work includes the resurfacing of several sections of U.S. 69A (Military Avenue) through the city of Baxter Springs. The remaining U.S. 69A sections inside the city limits are scheduled for improvements in future projects.

Following completion of the U.S. 69A work, the contractor will move to U.S. 166, starting at the city limits of Baxter Springs and continuing east for approximately four miles to the K-26 junction. The highway surface will be milled ½ -inch, followed by a 2-inch overlay and the placement of edge line rumble strips and new pavement markings.

Flaggers and a pilot car will guide one-lane traffic through the work zone, with delays of 15 minutes or less expected during daylight hours. The road work should be completed by mid-July, weather permitting.

KDOT awarded Blevins Asphalt Construction Co. of Springfield, Mo., the \$1.8 million construction contract. Bob Gudgen, construction engineer at the KDOT Pittsburg office, reminds drivers to obey the signs and flaggers and use extra caution 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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