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## **U.S. 69A reconstruction to start in Baxter Springs**

The week of April 17, weather permitting, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) expects to begin a project that will reconstruct U.S. 69 Alternate from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> streets in Baxter Springs. Project activity includes mill and overlay, grading, new curb and gutter, sidewalk and pavement markings.

A signed detour on state routes will be in effect for north- and southbound U.S. 69A traffic. Northbound U.S. 69A through traffic will be detoured east of the U.S. 69A/U.S. 166 junction east to the U.S. 166/U.S. 400 junction, and then north and west on U.S. 400 to the north junction of U.S. 69A/U.S. 400. Southbound U.S. 69A through traffic will take the same route in the opposite direction.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$316,791 to B & B Construction Company of St. Paul, Kan. This project, which is part of KDOT's Geometric Improvement Program, should be completed in June if the weather allows.

Persons with questions concerning the road work may contact Bob Gudgen, construction engineer at the KDOT Pittsburg office, (620) 231-7560, or Priscilla Petersen at the KDOT Chanute office, (620) 902-6433.

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