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Work set to begin on U.S. 69 corridor improvements at Fort Scott

Monday, May 2, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) expects to begin work on U.S. 69 intersection and corridor improvements at Fort Scott, weather permitting. The U.S. 69 project area runs from South National Avenue to 23rd Street, and includes the intersections with National, 19th and 23rd.

The improvements consist of storm sewer replacement, widening, mill and overlay of the roadway, and intersection lighting at 18th and 23rd. Early phases will include improvements to an access road south of 23rd and other side roads, followed by widening, sewer work and entrance replacements along U.S. 69. The later stages involve construction of a median at the intersections with National and 23rd, followed by a full-width mill and overlay of U.S. 69.

Two-way traffic will be maintained throughout construction, with occasional lane reductions. The road work should be completed in the spring of 2017, weather permitting.

KDOT awarded the \$2.8 million construction contract to LaForge & Budd of Parsons. Persons with questions may contact Dayna Barlow, construction engineer at the KDOT Iola office, (620) 365-2161, or Priscilla Petersen at 1-877-550-5368.

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