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## **Passing lane projects to start on U.S. 400 in Greenwood County**

Monday, May 2, weather permitting, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) expects to begin work on two projects to construct passing lanes for eastbound traffic on U.S. 400 in Greenwood County.

The project work zones extend east from the Butler-Greenwood county line for 2½ miles, and from four miles east of Beaumont east for 2½ miles. The road work also includes patching the existing U.S. 400 pavement and placing a full-width overlay on the highway surface. Two-way traffic will be carried through each project at a reduced speed limit. Traffic will be stopped or flagged through the work zones for short periods whenever blasting is needed to remove rock to widen the highway.

KDOT awarded the construction contracts of \$4.4 million to Bettis Asphalt & Construction of Topeka. Dayna Barlow, construction engineer at the KDOT Iola office, reminds travelers to watch for the construction signs and cones, reduce speed and “Give ‘Em a Brake!” through the work zone. Persons with questions concerning this expansion project may contact Barlow at (620) 365-2161 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](http://www.ksdot.org/tworks).

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