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K-7 closes for reconstruction from U.S. 400 south to K-102

Friday, June 10, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) closed a section of K-7 in Cherokee County for reconstruction. The closure for all through traffic begins at the U.S. 400 junction at Cherokee and continues four miles south to the K-102 junction.

Activity along this section includes: major modification to the current highway alignment, undermine grouting, bridge repairs, concrete pavement, and reconstruction of the K-7/K-102 intersection. The K-7 roadway will be widened to 44 feet, with 12-foot driving lanes and 10-foot shoulders

Work will take place during daylight hours Monday through Friday, and occasionally on Saturday. The K-7/K-102 intersection will remain open to traffic throughout the project. The official detour for northbound K-7 through traffic: from the U.S. 69/160/K-7 junction at Columbus continue east on U.S. 160 to the U.S. 69/400 junction at Crestline, then north on U.S. 69/400 to the U.S. 69/171/400 junction, and then west on U.S. 400 to the U.S. 400/K-7 junction at Cherokee. Southbound K-7 traffic should take the same route in the opposite direction.

The current road work consists of the first two phases of the project to reconstruct 11 miles of K-7 from U.S. 400 south to U.S. 160. The work is expected to be finished and this highway section reopened to traffic by October 28, 2016. KDOT will

provide information concerning the third and final phase of the K-7 reconstruction project, from K-102 south to U.S. 160, prior to the start of work in the spring of 2017.

KDOT awarded the K-7 project construction contract of \$35.1 million to Koss Construction Company of Topeka. Persons with questions may contact Bob Gudgen, construction engineer at KDOT-Pittsburg, (620) 231-7560, or Priscilla Petersen at KDOT-Chanute, 1-877-550-5368 (toll free). The K-7 project is part of the T-WORKS transportation program. For more information about T-WORKS visit the website, www.ksdot.org/tworks.

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