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## Highway projects underway in Haskell County

Two Kansas Department of Transportation T-WORKS projects are underway in Haskell County. One is a resurfacing project on U.S. 83, north of the 83/160/144 junction to the Haskell/Finney county line. The other is a reconstruction project at the intersection of U.S. 56 and U.S. 83, just west of Sublette. That project will replace the asphalt pavement with concrete at the intersection.

As part of the intersection reconstruction, the contractor plans to temporarily close access to County Road 190 on U.S. 56, west of the intersection, beginning Monday, April 11, weather permitting. KDOT expects the closure to last no longer than a week. Smoky Hill, LLC, of Salina, is the primary contractor on the intersection reconstruction project at a cost of approximately \$4.3 million. That work should be completed by November.

J & R Sand Co., Inc. of Liberal is the primary contractor on the mill and asphalt inlay project north of the 83/160/144 junction at a cost of approximately \$1.2 million. Traffic through the resurfacing project is restricted to one lane, guided by a pilot car. Drivers should anticipate delays of up to 15 minutes. KDOT expects the paving portion of this project to be completed this month, with all work finished by the end of May, depending on weather.

The Kansas DOT urges drivers to be alert, pay attention to all work zone warning signs, slow down when approaching a work zone and be prepared to stop.

If you have questions on either of these projects, please contact Kirk Hutchinson, KDOT Southwest Public Affairs Manager, at 1-877-550-5368 (toll free).

You can stay aware of all road construction projects across Kansas at [www.kandrive.org](http://www.kandrive.org) or by calling 5-1-1. To learn more about these and other T-WORKS projects, visit [www.ksdot.org/tworks](http://www.ksdot.org/tworks).

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