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## **KDOT testing pavement strength on US-83 and K-156**

The Kansas Department of Transportation plans to conduct pavement strength tests beginning Monday, October 3 on U.S. 83 and K-156 in Finney County. All testing should be completed by the end of the week.

On K-156 the test section runs from Garden City to the west junction of K-156/K-23. The U.S. 83 test section runs from the junction with U.S. 50/U.S. 50 Business south to the Finney/Haskell County line.

The testing crew will be using a pilot car operation to control traffic through the pavement test sections. 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.

KDOT conducts these pavement tests annually on different highway segments, using a Falling Weight Deflectometer (FWD), a device equipped with a series of weights that checks the strength of asphalt pavement.

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