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KDOT delaying right-of-way acquisitions on K-383

The Kansas Department of Transportation announced it is indefinitely delaying right-of-way acquisitions for previously planned modernization projects along K-383 in Norton and Phillips Counties.

The projects to widen and reconstruct the road from the U.S. 36 junction in Norton County to the U.S. 183 junction in Phillips County were originally scheduled for construction in 2018 and 2019. In April, KDOT announced the projects were among 25 that would be delayed as a state budget measure. Consultations with local stakeholders led KDOT to indefinitely suspend right-of-way purchases and planning activities until there is more certainty with the state budget issues and the abandonment of the rail line from Alma to Orleans, Neb. by the Nebraska, Kansas & Colorado Railway.

KDOT anticipates completing a mill and overlay project on K-383 in Phillips County from the Phillips/Norton County line to the U.S. 183 junction in 2017 to help extend the life of the existing pavement. Details about that project will be released at a later date.

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