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Work to begin on U.S. 36 in Norton

Starting April 18, weather permitting, the Kansas Department of Transportation will begin a project to reconstruct a portion of U.S. 36 through the city of Norton.

Workers will be widening and replacing the existing roadway with concrete pavement from West Ave. east to near the U.S. 283 junction. Westbound lanes will be constructed first, with traffic diverted head-to-head in the eastbound lanes. Construction of the eastbound lanes will begin upon completion of the westbound portion. An 11-foot width restriction will be in effect through the work zone throughout the duration of the project. KDOT encourages motorists to slow down, obey the warning signs and “Give ‘em a Brake!” when approaching and driving through work zones. The project is expected to be completed by the end of October, weather permitting.

Smoky Hill LLC is the primary contractor for the project, with a total contract cost of \$1.9 million. The project is part of KDOT’s Geometric Improvement Program, which helps cities address deficiencies on roads that are part of the state highway system, but located within city limits. Geometric Improvement projects are funded under T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas legislature in May 2010. Find out more about this and other T-WORKS projects at www.ksdot.org/tworks.

For more information, contact KDOT area construction engineer Jim Riener at 785-543-2163 or jriener@ksdot.org.

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