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## **I-70 Construction Resumes In Sherman County**

Work will resume today on the I-70 construction project spanning from the Colorado/Kansas state line to the Caruso Interchange (Exit 12) as contractors begin placing traffic control barricades along the corridor.

The project underwent a winter shut-down period, but beginning this week the westbound lanes will be reduced to one lane of traffic; and the passing lane will be closed. The speed limit will be reduced to 60 mph, and the westbound lanes will be restricted to 13.5 feet within the construction zone. Shoulder and traffic control work will occur during the next few weeks.

Beginning April 1, all I-70 traffic will be placed in the westbound lanes in a head-to-head configuration. The eastbound Exit 9 will also be closed. The port of entry/weigh station located at the state line will be relocated to the eastbound rest area near Colby, for approximately 75 days. These changes will occur so that contractors can rebuild the eastbound lanes this construction season.

The scope includes removing 12 miles of the existing pavement, reworking the base, and placing 11.5 inches of new concrete material along this section of the interstate.

Access to the Visitor's Center near Ruleton will be maintained throughout all phases of this I-70 project.

Koss Construction Co., Inc., of Topeka, is in charge of this \$48 million project funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May of 2010.

**Please pay attention to the signs and workers within a construction zone, slow down and “Give ‘Em A Brake!”**

For questions concerning this project, please contact KDOT Area Engineer Eric Oelschlager at (785) 626-3258 or [erico@ksdot.org](mailto:erico@ksdot.org) in Atwood; or Kristen Brands, KDOT Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 877-3315 or [kristenb@ksdot.org](mailto:kristenb@ksdot.org) in Norton.

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