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I-70 Ramp Closing This Week In Sherman County

Starting this week, the eastbound I-70 Exit ramp at Kanorado (Exit 1) will close for approximately two weeks as construction continues along the 12 mile section of I-70 in Sherman County.

“Closing this exit will allow the work west of the Kanorado Interchange to be completed quicker,” explains KDOT Area Engineer Eric Oelschlager. “It will also help us to reinstate the port of entry back to its regular operation and location. The ramp should re-open by June 11.”

This road construction project rebuilds interstate spanning from the Colorado/Kansas state line to the Caruso Interchange (Exit 12). The scope of the work includes removing 12 miles of the existing pavement, reworking the base, and placing 11.5 inches of new concrete material along this section of I-70. Last construction season, the westbound lanes were completed.

Around April 1 all I-70 traffic was placed in the westbound lanes in a head-to-head configuration while the eastbound lanes started reconstruction. Exit 9 was closed; and the port of entry/weigh station was temporarily relocated to the eastbound rest area near Colby. The speed limit has been reduced to 60 mph, and the westbound lanes are currently restricted to 13.5 feet within the construction zone.

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 in Atwood; or Kristen Brands, KDOT Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton.

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