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Road work will begin in Rawlins And Cheyenne Counties

Next Monday, July 8, several road construction projects will begin in both Rawlins and Cheyenne County.

A 29-mile project to profile mill and 1 ½-inch overlay of U.S. 36 will take place from the Cheyenne/Rawlins County line to the K-27 Junction. The same scope of work will be applied to K-27 Highway in Cheyenne County, from the Sherman/Cheyenne County line to the U.S. 36 junction.

KDOT awarded the construction contract - totaling \$3.1 million - to Venture Corp., of Great Bend.

Two jobs to seal U.S. 36 and K-27 in Cheyenne County will also begin as soon as next week.

Starting at the Cheyenne/Rawlins County line and continuing east approximately 10 miles on U.S. 36, workers will spread a thin layer of asphalt over the pavement then coat it with a layer of rock chips that are pressed into place with heavy rollers.

Another chip seal project will take place along 21 miles of K-27 highway from the U.S. 36 junction north to the Nebraska state line.

Chip Seals are a low cost method of sealing minor cracking in a roadway, preventing water from seeping into the pavement and therefore extending the life of the roadway.

KDOT awarded the chip seal construction contracts – totaling \$772,000 – to Heft and Sons, L.L.C. of Greensburg.

During construction flaggers and a pilot car operation will guide one-lane traffic through both work zones during daylight hours. Delays of 15 minutes or less should be expected through the construction time frame. The public should plan their travels accordingly. KDOT urges drivers to pay attention to the signs and workers within a construction zone. Slow down and “Give ‘Em A Brake!”

These highway projects are funded by T-WORKS, the Transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May of 2010; and designed to create jobs, preserve highway infrastructure, and spur economic development opportunities across the state.

Weather permitting, all the work should be complete by early August.

For questions concerning this project, please contact KDOT Area Two Engineer Eric Oelschlager at (785) 626-3185 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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