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Project to seal U.S. 183 In Ellis County will start soon

Beginning later this week, a job to seal U.S. 183 Highway in Ellis County will begin – weather permitting.

Starting in Hays at 55th Street and continuing north approximately 15 miles to the Ellis/Rooks County line, workers will spread a thin layer of asphalt oil over the pavement then coat it with a layer of rock chips that are pressed into place with heavy rollers. 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.

Traffic will be reduced to one lane; and controlled by flaggers and a pilot car operation during daylight hours on this project. Minor delays should be expected through the construction time frame, not exceeding 15 minutes. The public should plan their travels accordingly. Pay attention to the signs and workers within a construction zone and “Give ‘Em A Brake!”

KDOT awarded the chip seal construction contract – totaling \$ 445,452 – to Heft and Sons L.L.C. of Greensburg.

Weather permitting, the U.S. 183 seal will be complete by July 26.

For questions concerning this project, please contact KDOT Area Three Construction Engineer Nick Rogers at (785) 625-9718 or nrogers@ksdot.org; or KDOT Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager Kristen Brands at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton.

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