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Roadwork planned on U.S. 83 In Logan/Thomas Counties

Starting around August 28, a road construction project to resurface a section of U.S. 83 in Logan and Thomas County is set to begin.

The 18 mile job begins at the west U.S. 40 junction in Oakley and continues north on 83 to the U.S. 24 junction.

The scope includes a mill and overlay of new asphalt material on the driving lanes; as well as an overlay of the shoulders on the south half of the job.

KDOT awarded the construction contract - totaling \$5,787,113 - to APAC Kansas Inc., of Hays.

The subcontractors on the job are: Dustrol Inc., of Towanda, milling; Roadsafes Traffic Systems, Inc., El Dorado, pavement markings; Surface Preparation Technology Inc., Mechanicsburg, PA, rumble strips.

Weather permitting, the work should be complete by early November.

For questions concerning this project, please contact KDOT Area Four Construction Engineer Stuart Withington at (785) 672-3113 or stuartwi@ksdot.org in Oakley.

Project to seal U.S. 83 in Thomas County also planned

A second highway project to seal part of U.S. 83 in Thomas County is projected to begin September 3.

Starting at the junction of U.S. 24 east of Colby (the 'nine-mile' corner) and continuing northeast on 83, approximately 11 miles to the Thomas/Sheridan County line, 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. 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 for both highway projects; and controlled by flaggers and a pilot car operation during daylight hours. Minor delays should be expected through the construction time frame, not exceeding 15 minutes. The public should plan their travels accordingly. Please pay attention to the signs and workers within a construction zone and "Give 'Em A Brake!"

KDOT awarded the chip seal construction contract – totaling \$330,882 to Blevins Asphalt Construction Co. Inc., of Mt. Vernon, Mo.

Weather permitting, the U.S. 83 seal project will be complete within one working week from the start date.

For questions concerning this project, please contact KDOT Area Two Engineer Eric Oelschlager at (785) 626-3258 or Erico@ksdot.org in Atwood.

Both 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.

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