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## Asphalt Overlay on K-44 Highway in Harper and Sumner Counties

Starting around Monday, June 16, weather conditions permitting, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) will begin an asphalt overlay project on the entire route of K-44 Highway, from the east city limits of Anthony in Harper County continuing east 23.4 miles to the K-44/K-49 Highway junction in Sumner County.

Traffic through this work zone will be controlled by flagmen and pilot car, so drivers can expect delays of up to 15 minutes. There will be an 11 foot width restriction in the work zone, so vehicles with widths wider than 11 feet will need to use an alternate route. The work area will move daily and work will be underway during daylight hours only. This project is scheduled to be completed by the middle of October, depending on delays caused by adverse weather conditions.

Venture Corporation from Great Bend is the prime contractor for this \$6,321,823.13 project, which is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. For more information about T-WORKS projects and funding visit the website, <a href="www.ksdot.org/tworks">www.ksdot.org/tworks</a>. Highway construction project locations and road condition information can be viewed at the <a href="http://511.ksdot.org">http://511.ksdot.org</a> website, or can also be accessed by telephone by dialing 511.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. Persons with questions about this road work or other KDOT projects can call South Central Kansas Public Affairs Manager, Martin Miller, at 620-663-3361 or 1-877-550-5368 (Toll free).

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