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## **Asphalt overlay on US-281 Highway in Pratt County**

Starting around Tuesday, September 2, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) will begin an asphalt overlay project on a 12.5 mile section of US-281 Highway in Pratt County, from the Barber-Pratt County line north to the south city limits of Pratt.

Traffic through this work zone will be controlled by flagmen and pilot car, so drivers can expect delays of 15 minutes or less. There will be a 12 foot width restriction in the work zone, so vehicles with widths wider than 12 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 November, depending on delays caused by adverse weather conditions.

Heft & Sons, LLC, from Greensburg, is the prime contractor for this \$1,214,017.75 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, [www.ksdot.org/tworks](http://www.ksdot.org/tworks). Highway construction project locations and road condition information can be viewed at the <http://511.ksdot.org> 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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