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Overlay Project on US-54 South of El Dorado to Begin

Hutchinson – Starting the week of May 22nd, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) will begin construction of an 8.4 mile overlay project on US-54 Highway in Butler County, from US-54/US-400 Intersection north to the bridge carrying US-54 Highway over the Walnut River Drainage.

Eastbound traffic through this work zone will be reduced to one lane controlled by flaggers and pilot car. Drivers can expect delays of less than 15 minutes. The work area will move daily and work will be underway during daylight hours only. All loads over 15' of total width should seek alternative routes. This preservation project is scheduled to be completed in June, depending on delays caused by adverse weather conditions.

Bettis Asphalt & Construction Inc. from Topeka, Kansas is the prime contractor for this \$610,000 project, which is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature. For more information about T-WORKS projects and funding visit the website, 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, Zach Oswald, at 620-663-3361 or 1-877-550-5368 (Toll free).

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