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U.S. 160 resurfacing project starts next week

On Tuesday Aug. 26, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) plans to begin a resurfacing project on U.S. 160 in Montgomery and Labette counties. The road work starts at the south U.S.160/U.S. 169 junction and continues east for 18½ miles to the U.S. 59 junction in Labette County. This project includes U.S. 160 through the city of Altamont.

The work consists of a 1-inch surface recycle and 1-inch asphalt overlay. A truck-mounted heater will soften the top layer of the pavement, which will be mixed with a rejuvenating agent and reapplied to the roadway. The overlay will be placed on the recycled pavement.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$2.1 million to Shilling Construction Co., Manhattan, Kan. Flaggers and a pilot car will guide one-lane traffic through the work zone during daylight hours, with delays of 15 minutes or less expected. Weather permitting, the project should be finished by mid-October. Luke Middleton, area engineer at the Independence KDOT office, reminds drivers to obey the signs and flaggers and "Give 'Em a Brake!" as they travel through the project.

Those with questions concerning the project may contact Middleton at (620) 331-3760, or Priscilla Petersen, 1-877-550-5368. For more information concerning T-WORKS visit the website, www.ksdot.org/tworks.

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