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U.S. 166 expansion in Cherokee County begins in January

The week of Jan. 3, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) expects to begin work on a project to expand a six-mile section of U.S. 166 in Cherokee County.

A four-lane expressway will be constructed between the U.S. 166/U.S. 400 and U.S. 166/K-26 junctions. The roadway will taper to two lanes south of K-26 to the Kansas-Missouri state line. The project includes the construction of interchanges at U.S. 400 and K-26.

The four-lane section will be built on an offset alignment south of the existing U.S. 166. U.S. 166 traffic will not be affected during the early project phases, which include equipment staging, clearing and bridge work. KDOT will provide updates on highway closures and detours as work continues. The expanded U.S. 166 alignment and interchanges will be open to unrestricted traffic by late May 2024, weather permitting.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$54.8 million to Emery Sapp & Sons of Kansas City, Mo. Persons with questions may contact KDOT Construction Engineer Kyler Farmer, (620) 308-7617, or Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen, (620) 902-6433. Check KDOT's updated traveler information website, www.Kandrive.org, for more road condition and construction details.

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