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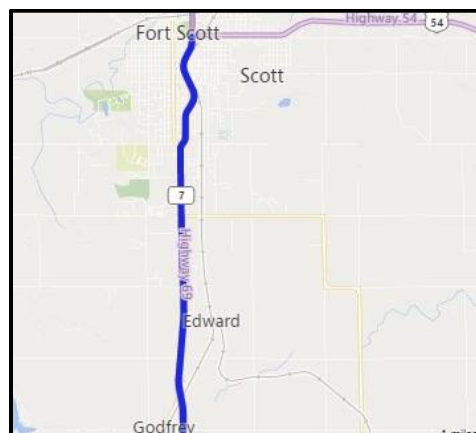
U.S. 69 resurfacing project to begin at Fort Scott

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) plans to begin work on a U.S. 69 resurfacing project at Fort Scott on Monday, March 29. The project starts at the south U.S. 54 junction and continues south for six miles, ending ½ mile south of K-7.

Project activity includes a cold mill, concrete patching, and a three-inch asphalt overlay. The contractor will start at Wall Street and work south. Traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction at the work zone, with a width restriction of 12 feet. Flaggers will direct traffic on side roads.

KDOT awarded the \$2.9 million construction contract to Bettis Asphalt & Construction, Inc., of Topeka. Weather permitting, the road work should be finished this summer. Check KDOT's updated traveler information website, www.Kandrive.org, for more road condition and construction details. KDOT urges all motorists to be alert and obey the warning signs when approaching and driving through a work zone.

Persons with questions may contact Iola Area Engineer Troy Howard, (620) 901-6557, or Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen, (620) 902-6433.



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