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Geometric improvement project to begin in Girard

Monday, April 11, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) expects to start a geometric improvement project at the intersection of K-47 and K-7 in Girard.

The improvements include reconstructing the intersection and installing new electrical conduit, storm sewer and water lines, constructing new sidewalks, and repairing parking lots.

Traffic will experience lane reductions during the first phase of construction, with no significant delays expected. The remaining three project phases will run from June through September. During these three phases traffic on K-7 will be reduced to one lane controlled by temporary signals, creating delays of five to 10 minutes. Occasionally a pilot car operation will direct one-lane traffic through the project, with delays of no longer than 15 minutes.

K-47 at the K-47/K-7 intersection will be closed to through traffic from early June through September. A city street detour for westbound K-47 traffic will be signed as follows: from K-47 proceed south on Ozark to Walnut, then west on Walnut to Osage and north on Osage to K-47. Eastbound traffic would use the same route in the opposite direction.

The official state route detour for eastbound K-47 traffic to Fort Scott will be: proceed north on K-3 to K-39, then east on K-39 to U.S. 69 south of Fort Scott. Westbound traffic from Fort Scott to St. Paul will take the same route in the opposite direction.

The state route detour for westbound K-47 traffic from the U.S. 69/K-47 junction to St. Paul will be: proceed south on U.S. 69 to U.S. 400, west on U.S. 400 to U.S. 59, north on U.S. 59 to the south K-47/U.S. 59 junction, then east on K-47 to St. Paul. Eastbound traffic should take the same route in the opposite direction.

During the K-47 closure, Crawford County will post signs prohibiting semi truck traffic on the paved county roads around Girard. Violators will be prosecuted. In addition, no large trucks will be permitted on the city detour route around the project.

KDOT awarded Amino Brothers Co., Inc. of Kansas City, Kan., the \$950,539 construction contract. The road work should be completed by September 30, weather permitting.

The Pittsburg KDOT office reminds drivers to watch obey the signs and signals, reduce speed through the work zone, and “Give ‘Em a Brake!” Persons with questions concerning this project may contact Bob Gudgen at (620) 231-7560 or Priscilla Petersen at 1-877-550-5368.

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