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K-7 section to close for reconstruction June 5

Chanute - Monday, June 5, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) plans to close a section of K-7 Highway in Cherokee County for reconstruction. The closure starts at the U.S. 69/U.S. 160/K-7 junction at Columbus and continues north for seven miles to end at the K-7/K-102 junction.

This marks the final phase of the 11-mile project to reconstruct K-7 from U.S. 160 at Columbus north to U.S. 400 at Cherokee. The K-7 roadway will be widened to 44 feet, with 12-foot driving lanes and 10-foot shoulders. Project activity includes major modifications to the existing highway alignment, undermine grouting and bridge repairs.

Work will take place during daylight hours Monday through Friday, and occasionally on Saturday. The K-7/K-102 intersection and Katy Street at Scammon will remain open to traffic. Property owners and renters located along the closed highway section will have access to their sites by the nearest county road. No two consecutive county roads will be closed at the same time, and all-weather surfacing is being provided for local access.

The official detour for northbound K-7 through traffic: from the U.S. 69/U.S. 160/K-7 junction at Columbus continue east on U.S. 160 to the U.S. 69/U.S. 400 junction at Crestline, then north on U.S. 69/400 to the U.S. 69/K-171/U.S. 400 junction, and then west on U.S. 400 to the U.S. 400/K-7 junction at Cherokee. Southbound K-7 traffic should take the same route in the opposite direction.

KDOT awarded the K-7 construction contract of \$35.3 million to Koss Construction Company of Topeka. The road work is expected to be complete and the highway reopened to traffic by August 17, 2018. Persons with questions may contact Bob Gudgen, construction engineer at KDOT-Pittsburg, (620) 231-7560, or Priscilla Petersen, public affairs manager for the Southeast District, at KDOT-Chanute, (620) 902-6433.

The K-7 reconstruction is part of the T-WORKS transportation program. For more information about T-WORKS visit the website, www.ksdot.org/tworks.

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