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Six Points in Liberal to get facelift

The Kansas Department of Transportation expects a concrete pavement reconstruction project at the Six Points intersection on the east side of Liberal to begin by Monday, July 20. Six Points is the junction of U.S. 54 and U.S. 83, along with two local streets, Bluebell Road and Second Street, and carries more than 15,000 vehicles a day.

In addition to improvements on U.S. 54 and U.S. 83, the project will permanently close Bluebell Road and Second Street at the intersection. The plans call for building an extension of Fifth Street east of the intersection to provide a connection to Bluebell Road going east.

The project will be built in phases. Phase 1 will focus on pavement reconstruction on U.S. 83 north of the intersection. Lane widths will be reduced to 11 feet on this section of U.S. 83 during this phase of construction. Drivers approaching the intersection should expect to slow down and be prepared to stop.

J-A-G Construction Co. of Dodge City is the primary contractor on this \$1.8 million project, which is jointly funded by the City of Liberal and KDOT through the Geometric Improvement Program. KDOT expects work on this project to be completed in April 2016, depending on weather.

If you have questions on this project, you may call Mark Hall, City of Liberal, at 620-626-2201.

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