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## **Resurfacing Projects to Begin in Norton County**

Starting in mid-April, the Kansas Department of Transportation will begin work on a pair of road construction projects in Norton County.

The first project will cover an 11-mile stretch of U.S. 283 starting near the U.S. 36 and U.S. 283 junction and extending north to the Kansas/Nebraska border. The scope of the project includes a 1-inch mill and 1 1/2-inch overlay of new asphalt material on the roadway to improve roadway conditions and extend pavement life. Traffic in this construction zone will be reduced to one lane and controlled by flaggers and a pilot car operation during daylight hours. Minor delays, not exceeding 15 minutes, should be expected.

Upon completion of work on U.S. 283, KDOT will begin an additional project to resurface 1 1/4 miles of roadway within the Prairie Dog State Park. Project work will include application of a new 1 1/2-inch overlay on top of the existing pavement. Traffic in the construction zone will be rerouted around the work areas.

Both projects will be completed by late May, weather permitting. KDOT urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and "Give 'em a Brake!" when approaching and driving through the work zones.

Venture Corporation of Great Bend is the primary contractor for the projects with contract costs totaling \$1.5 million for the U.S. 283 project and \$200,000 for the state park project.

Both projects are funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas legislature in May 2010. Find out more about this and other T-WORKS projects at <http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWORKS>.

For more information on this project, contact KDOT area engineer Harold Schleicher at 785-543-2163 or [harolds@ksdot.org](mailto:harolds@ksdot.org).

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