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## Chip seal project to start on U.S. 36

Starting on June 1, weather permitting, the Kansas Department of Transportation will begin work on a chip seal project on a 15-mile portion of U.S. 36 in Smith County beginning at the U.S. 36 and U.S. 281 intersection and ending at the Smith/Jewell County line.

Project work will involve applying a thin layer of asphalt over the roadway, followed by a coating of thin rock chips that are pressed into place with heavy rollers. Traffic in the construction zone will be reduced to one lane and controlled by flaggers and a pilot car during daylight hours. Minor delays, not exceeding 15 minutes, should be expected. KDOT urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs and "Give 'em a Brake!" when approaching and driving through the work zone. Construction is expected to last approximately 1 week, weather permitting.

Heft & Sons LLC of Greensburg is the primary contractor for the project with a total contract cost of approximately \$459,000. The project is 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>.

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