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Road Work Planned for K-383 in Norton County

This Friday, August, 24 a road construction project to repave a section of K-383 Highway in Norton County is expected to begin.

The project begins at the Decatur/Norton county line and continues northeast to the U.S. 36 junction. The scope includes placing an ultra-thin bonded asphalt surfacing along 13.5 miles of the roadway. "This pavement process includes a fast application of asphalt surfacing," explains KDOT Construction Engineer Jim Riener, of the Phillipsburg office.

"The process allows for minimal traffic delays," Riener said. "And the ultra-thin bonded asphalt surfacing process places a thin lift of course hot mix asphalt over an existing surface, providing effective preservation."

Flaggers and a pilot car operation will guide one-lane traffic through the work zone during daylight hours. Delays of 15 minutes or less will be expected through the construction time frame. The public should plan their travels accordingly.

KDOT awarded the construction contract - totaling \$1,209,196 - to Venture Corporation, of Great Bend. Subcontractors on the project include: Roadsafe Traffic Systems, El Dorado, pavement markings.

This highway project is funded by T-WORKS, the Transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May of 2010; and designed to create jobs, preserve highway infrastructure, and spur economic development opportunities across the state.

Weather permitting, work should be complete by early September.

For questions concerning this project, please contact Jim Riener at (785) 543-2163 or <u>iriener@ksdot.org</u> in Phillipsburg; or Kristen Brands, Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton.

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