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Work on K-44 Highway Set to Begin

Starting on Monday, March 26, the Kansas Department of Transportation will begin an asphalt paving project on K-44 highway from the east city limits of Anthony continuing east 23.38 miles to the junction with K-49 highway in Sumner County. This highway construction project is scheduled to be completed by the end of May, depending on delays due to weather conditions.

Traffic through this work zone will be controlled by flagmen and pilot car, so drivers can expect delays of up to 15 minutes. The work zone area will move daily and work will be underway during daylight hours only. There will be a 12 foot width restriction in the work zone, so vehicles with widths wider than 12 feet will need to use an alternate route. Highway construction project locations and road condition information can be viewed at the <u>http://511.ksdot.org</u> website.

Venture Corp. from Great Bend is the prime contractor for this \$1,405,489.00 project, which is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. For more information about T-WORKS projects and funding visit the website, <u>www.ksdot.org/tworks</u>.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. Persons with

questions about the road work or other KDOT projects can call South Central Kansas Public Affairs Manager, Martin Miller at 620-663-3361 or 1-877-550-5368 (Toll free).

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