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Seal Starting on K-23 Today In Sheridan County

Beginning today, June 18, a job to seal a portion of K-23 Highway begins.

Starting at the Gove/Sheridan County line and continuing north to the south city limits of Hoxie, workers will perform a conventional asphalt/chip seal. The resurfacing project fills surface defects that can shorten pavement life. Workers will spread a thin layer of asphalt over the pavement then coat it with a layer of rock chips that is pressed into place with heavy rollers. The process is an economical method in order to extend the life of the roadway.

In addition to the 19 miles on K-23, contractors will also place a seal on the following spur routes along I-70 this week: K-216 (near Grinnell), K-23 Alternate (near Grainfield), K-211 (near Park), K-212 (near Quinter), and K-198 (near Collyer).

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.

Please use caution, pay attention to the work zone signs, and respect workers when driving through any road construction zone. Slow down and "Give 'Em A Brake".

KDOT awarded the construction contract – totaling \$492,778 to Heft and Sons L.L.C., of Greensburg.

The pavement resurfacing project is funded by T-WORKS, the Transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May of 2010.

Weather permitting, the construction work will be complete by June 22.

For questions concerning this project, please contact Area Four Engineer Mathew Withington at (785) 672-3113 or matheww@ksdot.org in Oakley; or KDOT Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager Kristen Brands at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton.

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