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Bluemont Avenue Improvement Project to Begin in Manhattan

On **Monday, June 10, weather permitting**, a local roadway improvement project will begin on a two-block portion of Bluemont Avenue from Manhattan Avenue east to 11th Street in Manhattan (Riley County). Project work includes grading and surfacing, storm sewer and traffic signal installation, and the addition of a raised median in the center of Bluemont Avenue. Work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work.

The Bluemont Avenue improvement project will be constructed in phases to allow for traffic flow through the area. There will be lane restrictions or lane closures on Bluemont Avenue throughout the summer months during construction. Business entrances on the south side of Bluemont Avenue will be affected by this project. These south side entrances will be closed or phased for construction one-half at a time to allow for traffic flow to these businesses.

Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via signage and cones. Drivers should expect delays during peak commute times and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible.

The Kansas Department of Transportation urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" when approaching and driving through the project work zone.

Emery Sapps & Sons (Columbus, MO) is the primary contractor on this improvement project with a total contract cost of \$984,476. **Project work is scheduled to be completed in mid-August 2013, weather permitting.**

This 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/>.

For more information on this improvement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Jerry Haug, Wamego Construction Engineer, at (785) 456-2353. (KDOT Project # 81 U 0064-01)

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