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Widening Work Begins on K-18 in Riley County

On **Monday, September 20**, widening work began on K-18 from 61st Avenue to 52nd Avenue in Riley County. This work is part of the overall K-18 improvement project that began construction this past summer. Crews will construct acceleration and deceleration lanes as well as a median crossover for access to the airport entrance for both eastbound and westbound K-18.

Eastbound and westbound K-18 will be reduced to one lane of traffic between 61st Avenue and 52nd Avenue. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via advance arrow boards and signage. The speed limit will be restricted to 55 mph throughout the project work zone. Drivers should expect minor delays and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. This portion of the project work is scheduled to be completed by mid-October 2010.

SEMA Construction is the prime contractor on this \$65 million roadway improvement project. The scheduled completion date for entire K-18 improvement project is fall 2012.

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 project work zones. 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.

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