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Traffic changes on K-99 project begin next week

According to the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), the northern two miles of the new K-99 realignment will open next week in Wabaunsee County. The project is located two miles north of I-70 and ends just south of K-18.

Two of the project's three shoofly detours will be barricaded, and traffic control will direct vehicles onto the new highway. Traffic will still utilize the southern shoofly near Homestead Road.

Traffic from Old K-99 Road South and Old K-99 Road North will enter the new highway via a connection just south of Mitchell Prairie Lane. All other side roads and entrances will have direct access to the highway.

During this phase of the project, Hereford Road and Homestead Road will each close temporarily, but not simultaneously, while new connections to the highway are constructed.

Signing, barricades, cones and pavement marking will direct drivers through the entire project. The speed limit will be 50 mph in the northern portion of the project and 35 mph through the southern portion.

Ebert Construction Co., of Wamego, is the contractor on the \$12.6 million project, which is expected to be completed by July 2022, weather permitting.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert and obey the warning signs when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. To stay aware of all road construction projects across Kansas, go to www.kandrive.org or call 5-1-1.



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