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Things to know about upcoming U.S. 183 project in Kinsley

What: Kansas Department of Transportation staff plan to visit Kinsley in February for a field review of a project to replace U.S. 183 pavement in town. The preliminary work involves reviewing the potential impact that temporary construction easements may have on property. A temporary easement will be needed to give crews the necessary area to complete construction and relocate the city water line and water meters. The access is expected to have minimal impact on property owners. The temporary construction easements will give the contractor the legal access for some limited construction in the project, such as setting water meters and repairing or replacing sidewalk.

Overall project scope: Replacing U.S. 183 pavement with concrete – in the same width and configuration as the current roadway -- from the south city limits north to the railroad tracks just south of U.S. 56. Total length: almost a mile. (Not replacing pavement at the U.S. 50 intersection but will make repairs.) Installing sidewalk ramps. Relocating a city water line that is beneath existing pavement and making storm sewer adjustments. This is a delayed project that is a companion to a U.S. 56 project in Kinsley completed in the summer of 2019. When the U.S. 183 construction could begin is not yet decided.

For questions about the overall project scope, call KDOT Pratt Area Engineer Scott Mullen, 620-672-7494.

How/why property affected: About 60 tracts of private property along the construction site will be affected because of possible access to the temporary easements. Features in easements such as fences or trees will be labeled with “Do Not Disturb” notes on project plans. Around late April, KDOT will mail packets to affected property owners with information about the project and documents about the temporary construction easement.

For questions about how specific tracts will be affected by the construction, call Kinsley City Hall, 620-659-3611.

Preliminary plans and an aerial image of the proposed temporary easements will be available for viewing at Kinsley City Hall.

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