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Work to begin on Strpce-area road improvements

CAMP BONDSTEEL – KFOR Multi-National Brigade (East) announced today that a contract has been awarded to improve Route Lion, the main east-west road providing access to the Strpce area.

The project is expected to begin later this week and will take about 40 days to complete. Italbeton Balkan will repair portions of the road that have been damaged by erosion – improvements that will enhance KFOR’s ability to maintain safety and security and freedom of movement in the region.

One lane of Route Lion will remain open while the work is being done; in addition, a special route built in June and July by members of TMK’s 30th Engineer Group and soldiers of Company A, 94th Engineer Battalion, part of Task Force 9th Engineer, will allow traffic to bypass the damaged section of the main road.

“I’m pleased that my soldiers were called on to lay the groundwork for these critical road improvements,” said Lt. Col. Nathaniel Idlet, commander of Task Force 9th Engineer. “We have worked hard to ensure freedom of movement at all times during the project. By building the bypass, we have made sure traffic can still flow into the Strpce area even if the main route completely fails, or if an unforeseen problem causes the contractor to close all the lanes for a short period.”