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## **I-70 Ramp to close Wednesday at Caruso**

On Wednesday August 15, the I-70 westbound ramp at Caruso will close for the next phase of construction.

At Exit 12, the westbound on-ramp will close while workers begin a paving operation as part of the larger I-70 project which begins at the Colorado/Kansas state line and extends east to Exit 12. "The contractors will be removing the existing mainline pavement, stabilizing the sub-grade, and placing new concrete pavement near the ramp area," explains Area Two Engineer Eric Oelschlager of the KDOT Atwood office.

The closure will take place for approximately 10 days.

***Please use caution, pay attention to the work zone signs, and respect workers when driving through any road construction zone. Slow down and "Give 'Em A Brake".***

KDOT awarded the construction contract – totaling \$46,508,069 - to Koss Construction, of Topeka.

This pavement reconstruction project is funded by T-WORKS, the Transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May of 2010; and designed to create jobs, preserve highway infrastructure, and spur economic development opportunities across the state.

Weather permitting, the construction work will be complete by fall of 2013.

For questions concerning this project, please contact Area Two Engineer Eric Oelschlager at (785) 626-3258 or [erico@ksdot.org](mailto:erico@ksdot.org) in Atwood; or KDOT Northwest

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