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Northbound US-75 Resurfacing Project to Begin in South Topeka

On **Monday, September 17**, a resurfacing project will begin on a six-mile stretch of northbound US-75 only from north of the 49th Street Bridge south to 93rd Street south of Topeka (Shawnee County). Project work includes a 5/8-inch asphalt overlay followed by all new pavement markings, as well as the replacement of concrete pavement for the northbound US-75 railroad bridge located between 77th Street and 85th Street. The resurfacing project will smooth the road and fill surface defects that can shorten pavement life. Work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work.

Beginning on **Monday, September 17 through mid-October 2012**, northbound US-75 will be reduced to one lane over the railroad bridge located between 77th Street and 85th Street. Traffic will be directed through the work zone via concrete barrier and signage.

Once the bridge work is completed sometime in mid-October, crews will then begin the overlay work on the six-mile stretch of northbound US-75. The ramps at Topeka Boulevard, 77th Street and 57th Street will be closed at various times for the overlay work. A marked detour will be provided for the ramp closures. Traffic will detour via 77th Street when Topeka Boulevard is closed; 77th Street when 57th Street is closed; and 57th Street when 77th Street is closed. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone for the overlay work via message boards, cones and signage. We will

send advance notification under separate cover when the overlay work is scheduled to begin.

There will be a posted speed limit of 55 mph and a 14-foot lane width restriction through the project work zone during working hours. Updated traffic information for this resurfacing project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp.

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 the project work zone.

Bettis Asphalt and Construction Inc. (Topeka, KS) is the primary contractor on this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$1.866 million. **The scheduled completion date for the project is late November 2012, weather permitting.**

This project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. Find out more about this and other T-WORKS projects at: <http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/>.

For more information on this resurfacing project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Kevin Kellerman, Construction Engineer, at (785) 296-3986. (KDOT Project #75-89 KA 2843-01)

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