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Old U.S. 59 Resurfacing Project to Begin in Douglas County

On **Wednesday, August 21**, a resurfacing project will begin on a 10-mile section of Old U.S. 59 from 1000 Road (Douglas County) to the Douglas/Franklin County line. Project work includes the milling of 2-inches of existing pavement followed by the application of a new 2-inch asphalt layer on the existing mainline pavement, followed by all new pavement markings. The resurfacing project will smooth the road and fill surface defects that can shorten pavement life. Work will take place during daylight hours from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work.

On **Wednesday, August 21**, northbound and southbound Old U.S. 59 will be reduced to one lane in small segments for both directions along with intermittent closures of adjacent cross roads during the project work hours. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via signage, cones and a flagger operation. Drivers should expect delays of up to 15 minutes maximum and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. There will be a posted speed limit of 55 mph and a 12-foot lane width restriction through the project work zone during working hours.

Updated traffic information for this 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 (Topeka, KS) is the primary contractor on this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$1.095 million. **The scheduled completion date for the entire resurfacing project is late September 2013, 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 Nathan Jeffries, Construction Manager, at (785) 842-0299. (*KDOT Project #59-23 K 7888-04*)

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