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U.S. 75 Resurfacing Project to Begin in Shawnee & Osage Counties

Weather permitting, on **Thursday, August 1**, a resurfacing project will begin on a 9.5-mile stretch of the four-lane portion of U.S. 75 beginning south of the Topeka Boulevard intersection in Shawnee County and ending 1.5-miles south of the U.S. 56 intersection in Osage County. Project work includes milling away of 5-inches of existing pavement followed by the application of a hot mix asphalt 3-inch overlay on all mainline lanes and 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, Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work.

Beginning on **Thursday**, **August 1**, northbound and southbound U.S. 75 will be reduced to one lane, one direction at a time, during project working hours throughout the project duration. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via concrete barrier, channelizers and signage. There will be a posted speed limit of 60 mph and a 12-foot lane width restriction, 24/7 round the clock, through the project work zone throughout the project duration.

Drivers should expect minor delays throughout the project duration.

Updated traffic information for this pavement marking project can be viewed 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 \$6.624 million. **The scheduled completion** date for the resurfacing project is spring 2014, 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 Anstey, Construction Manager, at (620) 342-5402. (KDOT Project #75-89 KA 2185-01 & #75-70 KA 2184-01)

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