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UPDATE! US-24 Resurfacing Project to Begin in Shawnee County

Due to scheduling conflicts, this project has been suspended until further notice. No repair work has actually begun on the project as of yet. We will send out an updated notification once the project resumes. On **Monday, April 16 at 7:30 a.m.**, a resurfacing project will begin on a 7.4-mile section of US-24 from approximately 800-feet west of the city limits of Silver Lake to the Menoken Road Bridge just west of Topeka in Shawnee County. Project work includes patching, milling away of 2-inches of existing pavement followed by an inlay of new asphalt pavement. After the patching work is complete, the project will go into suspension until mid-summer 2012, when the mill and inlay operation will begin. A separate notification will be sent in advance of the start date.

Beginning on **Monday, April 16 at 7:30 a.m. for approximately two weeks**, eastbound and westbound US-24 traffic will be reduced to one lane for both directions along with intermittent closures of adjacent cross roads during the project work hours for patching work. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via flaggers. There will be a posted speed limit of 55 mph through the project work zone during working hours. There will be a 14' lane width restriction as well.

Work will take place during daylight hours from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work. Signage will direct drivers

through the project work zone. Drivers should expect major delays during peak travel times and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. **Special Note: This project will also run consecutively with the two US-24 bridge replacement projects currently underway in Shawnee County.**

Bettis Asphalt and Construction, Inc. (Topeka, KS) is the primary contractor on this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$1.454 million. **The scheduled completion date for the entire resurfacing project is late summer 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/>.

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. For more information on this resurfacing project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Mary Files, Construction Manager, at (785) 296-3986. (KDOT Project #24-89 KA 2435-10)

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