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## TRAFFIC ALERT – UPDATE 2!

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## **U.S. 75 Resurfacing Project**

LANE CLOSURE NOW SCHEDULED to BEGIN on Tuesday, March 25! EXPECT DELAYS! 24/7 LANE CLOSURES: Southbound U.S. 75 right lane from the U.S. 56 junction (Osage County) to Topeka Boulevard (Shawnee County) will CLOSED, 24/7 round the clock, beginning sometime on Tuesday, March 25 throughout the project duration. Project work includes the milling of 1-inch of existing pavement for both southbound lanes followed by a new 2-inch asphalt overlay. The lane closure was to begin today, Friday, March 21, but the contractor is still setting traffic control so the lane will not close fully until sometime on Tuesday, March 25.

Crews will begin setting traffic control on **Thursday**, **March 20**. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via signage and cones. 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.

EXPECT DELAYS! 24/7 LANE CLOSURES: Northbound U.S. 75 from the U.S. 56 junction (Osage County) to Topeka Boulevard (Shawnee County) will be reduced to ONE OPEN LANE, 24/7 round the clock, beginning sometime during the day on Saturday, March 15 throughout the project duration. Project work includes the replacement of all bridge approach pavement on seven bridges and a 1.5-inch asphalt overlay on both northbound lanes. There will also be intermittent ramp closures once the asphalt overlay work begins. The lane closure was originally scheduled for Thursday, March 13, but due to missing traffic control signs, the lane closure is now rescheduled for Saturday, March 15.

Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via signage, cones and concrete barrier across all the bridges. 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 delays throughout the project duration. Updated traffic information for this resurfacing project can be viewed at: <a href="https://www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp">www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp</a>.

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. This project is now resuming work after winter shutdown for the 2013 construction season. The scheduled completion date for the resurfacing project is mid-July 2014, weather permitting. (KDOT Project #75-89 KA 2185-01 & #75-70 KA 2184-01)

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