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## **US-24 Resurfacing Project to Begin in Douglas/Leavenworth Counties**

Weather permitting, on **Thursday, September 1**, a resurfacing project will begin on a 10-mile stretch of eastbound and westbound US-24 from just west of the K-16 intersection in Leavenworth County to the K-32 intersection in Douglas County. This resurfacing project will help improve and preserve the driving surface of the roadway. Resurfacing work will take place daily, Monday through Saturday, during daylight hours.

Flaggers will coordinate with pilot cars to guide traffic through the project work zone. Drivers should expect minor delays up to 15 minutes, including possible start and stop traffic, and are encouraged to use alternate routes if possible. When drivers enter the project work zone on US-24 from adjacent roadways, they must not enter onto either roadway until they are able to follow in behind the pilot car. There will be a 12-foot lane width restriction throughout the project during daylight work hours. The work will be coordinated so that all lanes will be opened to traffic 30 minutes before sunset. Updated traffic information for this resurfacing project can be viewed online at: [www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp](http://www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp).

The resurfacing project will smooth the road and fill surface defects that can shorten pavement life. Workers will heat the asphalt roadway, recycle a thin layer of the surface, place it back on the roadway, and then follow this step with heavy rollers that will compact the asphalt. Approximately one week later, crews will then spread a thin layer of asphalt over the pavement,

coat it with a layer of rock chips, and press them into place with heavy rollers. Once this process is completed, new pavement markings will be added to the resurfaced roadway.

Dustrol, Inc. is the primary contractor on this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$852,000. **The scheduled completion date for the entire project is mid-October 2011, 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 repair project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Jim Wetterberg, Construction Manager, at (913) 721-2754. *(KDOT Project #24-106-KA-1930-01)*

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