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US-24 Resurfacing Project to Resume Work in Shawnee County

On **Monday, August 20**, a resurfacing project will resume work on a 7.4-mile section of US-24 from approximately 800-feet west of the city limits of Silver Lake east 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. 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. The patching work on this project was completed in May 2012 and the project was suspended at that point in time.

Beginning on **Monday, August 20 at 7:30 a.m.**, and for **approximately two weeks thereafter**, 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 mill and inlay work. Crews will begin work on Monday, August 20, starting on **westbound US-24 at Menoken Road Bridge and move west towards Silver Lake** and then return eastbound back to the Menoken Road Bridge. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via flaggers and a pilot car operation. There will be a 14-foot lane width restriction and a posted speed limit of 55 mph through the project work zone during working hours.

Drivers should expect delays of up to 15 minutes maximum and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. **Special Note: This project is also running consecutively with the two US-24 bridge replacement projects currently underway in Shawnee County.** Updated traffic information for this bridge 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 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 mid-September 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/>.

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

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