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US-73 Chip Seal Project to Begin in Atchison & Brown Counties

On **Friday, August 24**, a chip seal project will begin on a 15.5-mile section of US 73 beginning at Lancaster in Atchison County and ending at the east city limits of Horton in Brown County. The resurfacing project will smooth the road and fill surface defects that can shorten pavement life. Workers will spread a thin layer of asphalt over the pavement then coat it with a layer of rock chips that is pressed into place with heavy rollers. Work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work. The work will be coordinated so that all lanes will be opened to traffic by 30 minutes before sunset.

Beginning on **Friday, August 24**, northbound and southbound US-73 traffic will be reduced to one lane for both directions along with intermittent closures of adjacent cross roads during the project work hours for resurfacing work. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via a pilot car and flagger operation. Drivers should expect delays of up to 15 minutes maximum and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. There will be a posted speed limit of 40 mph and a 15-foot lane width restriction through the project work zone during working hours. No oversized or supersized loads will be allowed through the project work zone.

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.

Vance Brothers, Inc. (Kansas City, MO) is the primary contractor on this chip seal project with a total contract cost of \$495,805. **Overall project work is scheduled to be completed in early October 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 questions or additional information on this chip seal project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Michelle Anschutz, Construction Engineer, at (785) 486-2142. (KDOT Project #73 106 KA 2660-01)

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