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US-75 Pavement Repair Project Begins in Jackson/Shawnee Counties

On **Wednesday, March 16**, a concrete pavement repair project began on northbound and southbound US-75 from 46th Street in Shawnee County to K-16 Holton/Jackson County. Work will take place daily, Monday through Saturday, during daylight hours.

Varying lane closures will occur throughout the duration of the project with one lane of traffic to remain open in each direction on northbound and southbound US-75. The lane closures will be in place round the clock (24/7) on short stretches of US-75. There will be a 12-foot width restriction and a reduced speed limit of 60 mph through the project work zone. Drivers may encounter minor delays and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated traffic information for this pavement repair project can be viewed online at:

www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp.

Crews will first remove the damaged areas of concrete and then fill the patched areas back in with new concrete pavement as well as complete joint sealing work as needed. New pavement markings will be applied to the repaired areas.

Interstate Improvement is the primary contractor on this repair project with a total contract cost of \$3.1 million. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is fall 2011.

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 pavement repair project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Steve Baalman, Field Engineering Administrator, at (785) 296-2291.

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