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US-56 Concrete Pavement Repair Project to Begin in Johnson County

On **Monday**, **April 16 at 7:00 a.m.**, a concrete pavement repair project will begin on eastbound and westbound US-56 from Sycamore Street to the bridge spanning over the railroad tracks in Gardner (Johnson County). Crews will complete partial and full depth repairs to the concrete pavement, including surfacing grinding and new pavement markings.

On **Monday**, **April 16 at 7:00 a.m.**, work will begin on phase one on the east half of the US-56 project from the bridge over the railroad tracks to Moonlight Road in Gardner. Repair work take place during daytime hours (sunrise to sunset) and traffic will be reduced to one lane through this portion of the project, 24/7 round the clock, in both the eastbound and westbound directions. Phase two of the project takes place on the section of US-56 from Moonlight Road to Sycamore Street in Gardner. Repair work on this portion will take place during overnight hours with lane closures taking place between 7:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. daily, Monday through Friday. Phase one work will be completed before phase two work is allowed to begin.

Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via signage and cones. Advance message boards will alert drivers to the lane closures. Drivers should expect major delays during the peak hours and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated daily traffic information for this project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

Interstate Improvement (Fairbault, MN) is the primary contractor on this \$950,000 pavement repair project. The entire pavement repair project is scheduled to be completed by Monday, July 9, 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 pavement repair project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Howard Lubliner, Field Engineering Administrator, at (913) 764-4525. (KDOT Project #56 46 KA 2449-01)

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