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US-56/Shawnee Mission Parkway Improvement Project Set to Begin

Weather permitting, **on Monday, August 22,** an improvement project will begin on US-56/Shawnee Mission Parkway between Metcalf Avenue and the Kansas/Missouri state line in Johnson County. Project improvements include: asphalt patching, curb repair, mill and overlay. Crews will complete work during daytime and overnight hours, Monday through Saturday.

Lane reductions for curb repair work will take place between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. daily, Monday to Saturday. Remainder of the work will occur with lane reductions taking place between 7:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Monday to Saturday, with some occasional weekend work possible.

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the lane closures. Drivers should expect delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible. Reduced speed limits will be in place throughout the project work zone. Updated daily traffic information for this project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

Ideker, Inc. is the primary contractor on this $1.086 million improvement project. The entire improvement project is scheduled to be completed by late September 2011.

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 improvement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public

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