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Resurfacing Work Begins on US-159 in Atchison & Brown Counties

Weather permitting, on **Monday, June 8 at 8:00 a.m.**, a resurfacing project began on US-159 from the US-59/US-159 interchange at Nortonville in Atchison County to the south city limits of Horton in Brown County. Crews will work during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work.

Flaggers will coordinate with pilot cars to guide traffic through the project. Drivers should expect some minor delays of up to 15 minutes, including possible start and stop traffic, and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. When drivers enter the project work zone on US-36 from adjacent roadways, they must not enter onto US-36 until they are able to follow in behind the pilot car. Traffic will be reduced to one 11-foot lane each direction.

The resurfacing project will smooth the road and fill cracks that can shorten pavement life. Workers will mill away the top 2 inches of pavement then reapply the recycled material from the milling process onto the roadway. Once the recycle surface is in place, workers will then 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. New pavement markings will be applied to the resurfaced roadway.

Dustrol Inc. is the primary contractor on this on this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$1,344,409. The scheduled completion date for the resurfacing project is mid-July 2009.

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 resurfacing project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Michelle Anschutz, Horton Construction Engineer, at (785) 486-2142.

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