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K-99 Resurfacing Project Begins in Lyon County

On Monday, May 2, a resurfacing project began on K-99 from the Lyon County line 15 miles north to the south city limits of Emporia in Lyon County. Crews will work daily, Monday through Friday with an occasional Saturday during daylight hours.

Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via flaggers and signage. Drivers should expect delays of up to 15 minutes maximum. When drivers enter the project work zone on K-99 from adjacent roadways, they must not enter onto either highway until they are directed by the flaggers. There will be a 10-foot lane width restriction throughout the project during daylight work hours.

The resurfacing project will smooth the road and fill cracks that can shorten pavement life. Workers will mill away the top two inches of pavement then apply a two-inch asphalt overlay that uses some of the material recycled from the milling process. Then after a two-week cure time, workers will then spread a thin layer of asphalt over the pavement and coat it with a layer of rock chips that is pressed into place with heavy rollers. New pavement markings will be applied to the entire resurfaced roadway.

Dustrol Inc. is the primary contractor on this $1.185 million resurfacing project. The scheduled completion date for the resurfacing project is late June 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 resurfacing project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Earl Bosak, Osage City Area Engineer, at (785) 528-3128.

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