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# U.S. 73 & K-74 Resurfacing Project to Begin in Atchison County – **UPDATE!**

On **Thursday, April 18, weather permitting**, a resurfacing project will begin on 8.8 total miles of U.S. 73 from approximately 3.5 miles north of the Atchison/Leavenworth County line to the Atchison city limits and on K-74 from the city of Potter to the K-74/U.S. 73 junction in Atchison County. U.S. 73 project work includes a 3/4-inch surface mill and 1.5-inch asphalt overlay on mainline lanes and chip seal on the adjacent shoulders. K-74 project work includes 1-inch surface mill and 1.5-inch asphalt overlay on mainline lanes and rocking of the adjacent shoulders. Work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work. The work will be coordinated so that all lanes will be opened to traffic by one-half hour before sunset. *(Project start date has been rescheduled from Monday, April 15 to Thursday, April 18.)*

Beginning on **Thursday, April 18, weather permitting**, eastbound and westbound K-74 will be reduced to one lane for resurfacing work as crews begin work at the city of Potter and move east. Once work on K-74 is finished, crews will then move to U.S. 73 to complete resurfacing work. Traffic will be reduced to one lane for both directions along with intermittent closures of adjacent cross roads during the project work hours.

Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via a pilot car and flagger operation. Drivers should expect delays of up to 15 minutes maximum and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. There will be a 15-foot lane width restriction and a posted

speed limit of 40 mph through the work zone except in areas where workers are located, in these locations the speed limit will be reduced to 20 mph.

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.

Hamm, Inc. (Perry, KS) is the primary contractor on this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$1.074 million. **Overall project work is scheduled to be completed in early July 2013, 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/>.

For questions or additional 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. (KDOT Project #73-23 KA 2414-01)

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