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I-70 Resurfacing Project to Resume Work in Shawnee & Wabaunsee Counties – UPDATE #4!

Beginning sometime the week of April 8 (weather permitting), a resurfacing project will resume on a 13-mile section of I-70 from Valencia Road in Shawnee County to K-30 in Wabaunsee County, including work at the Paxico Rest Area as well. Project work includes spray patching, minor milling and a 4-inch overlay of new asphalt pavement (mainline lanes and shoulders), followed by all new pavement markings. Work will take place during daylight hours (approximately 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) with some occasional Saturday work.

Due to the upcoming weather forecast, the project start date has been moved from Thursday, March 28 to the week of April 8. If the weather should improve the week of April 1, crews may resume project work then. We will provide advance separate notification (via a traffic alert) as soon as we know exactly when work will resume, weather permitting.

Project work began in July 2012 and resurfacing work was completed on the I-70 westbound lanes in late 2012. During the 2013 construction season, crews will complete resurfacing work on the eastbound lanes of I-70.

Beginning at **7:30 a.m. on Monday, April 8 (tentatively)**, the eastbound I-70 left lane will be closed (right lane will remain open) from Valencia Road to K-30 (13-mile stretch) for resurfacing work. Traffic control has already been placed throughout the project work zone. Work will first be completed on the eastbound left lane, followed by the eastbound right lane. There will be a posted speed limit of 60 mph and a 16-foot lane width restriction throughout the project work zone during working hours.

Signage and cones will direct drivers through the project work zone. Drivers should expect some delays during peak travel times. Updated traffic information for this resurfacing project can be viewed online:

www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp.

Bettis Asphalt and Construction, Inc. (Topeka, KS) is the primary contractor on this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$8.606 million. **The scheduled completion date for the entire resurfacing project is late July 2013, weather permitting.**

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.

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 more information on this resurfacing project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Tom Dow, Construction Manager, at (785) 296-3986. (*KDOT Project #70-106 KA 2833-01*)

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