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I-70 Resurfacing Project to Begin in Shawnee and Wabaunsee Counties

On **Wednesday, July 18**, a resurfacing project will begin on a 13-mile section of I-70 from Valencia Road in Shawnee County to the Paxico rest area in Wabaunsee County. Project work includes spray patching, minor milling and a 4-inch overlay of new asphalt pavement, followed by all new pavement markings. Work will take place during daylight hours (approximately 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.) with some occasional Saturday work.

Beginning on **Wednesday, July 18 at 7:00 a.m.**, the westbound I-70 left lane will be closed (right lane will remain open) from Valencia Road to K-30 for project work. Work will first be completed on the westbound left lane, followed by the westbound right lane. There will be a posted speed limit of 55 mph and a 14-foot lane width restriction through 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.

After work on the westbound lanes is completed late this fall, the project will go into suspension until spring 2013 when work will then resume on the eastbound lanes. A separate notification will be sent in advance of the start date for the eastbound work early next year.

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 summer 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/>.

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 Kevin Kellerman, Construction Engineer, at (785) 296-3986. (KDOT Project #70-106 KA 2833-01)

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