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KDOT Utility Project Begins on US-40/6th Street in Shawnee County

On **Monday, July 6**, an installation project began for a new sewer line that will be located on the right of way on the north side of US-40/6th Street from K-4 to Croco Road in Shawnee County. The installation work is in preparation for construction of a new Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Topeka Sub-Area shop that will be located at the US-40/K-4 interchange. Crews will work daily Monday through Friday from approximately 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Traffic impacts will be minimal with some occasional lane closures on US-40/6th Street. Updated lane closure information for this project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp.

Since the installation project is occurring on the right of way on the north side of US-40/6th Street, there will be minimal impacts to traffic. However, there may be minor impacts to residences or businesses adjacent to the right of way on the north side of US-40/6th Street. If any property owners adjacent to US-40/6th Street have items such as electronic pet fences, sprinkler systems or other utility type items that may have been installed on the right of way and are unknown to our working crews, these items could be impacted by the installation process. **If you are a homeowner or property owner who may have such items located near or on the right of way along US-40/6th Street, we ask that you contact Kimberly Qualls, KDOT Public Affairs Manager at (785) 640-9340, as soon as possible.** With your contact, we can be sure to alert the installation crews of what the item is and where its specific location is in relation to the US-40/6th Street right of way.

Carlson Utility LLC is the primary contractor on this utility project with a total contract cost of \$181,000. The scheduled completion date for the installation work is early October 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 questions or additional information on this sewer installation project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340.

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