

NEWS RELEASE

Kansas Department of Transportation News Release

September 24, 2009

09-097-01

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

News Contact: Kimberly Qualls, (785) 640-9340 or kqualls@ksdot.org
Steve Baalman, (785) 296-2291 or steveb@ksdot.org

Pavement Repair Project to Begin on I-70 & I-470 in Shawnee County

Weather permitting, on **Monday, September 28**, a concrete pavement repair project will begin on I-470 and I-70 in Topeka (Shawnee County). Repair work will first begin on eastbound I-470 then move to westbound I-470 during the 2009 construction season. The I-470 project portion extends for 2 miles from 21st Street east to Gage Boulevard. In spring 2010, repair work will begin on the I-70 portion that extends 3.3 miles from just west of Urish Road to Danberry Lane and also from just east of Carnahan Avenue to the Kansas Turnpike Authority east toll booth plaza.

Work will take place daily, Monday through Sunday. All lanes on I-470 and I-70 will remain open to all traffic during the peak commute times, Monday through Friday, between 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. and then again between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Weekend work will take place round the clock beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening through 5:30 a.m. the following Monday morning.

Lane closures will occur throughout the duration of the project with one lane of traffic to remain open in each direction on I-470 and I-70. The interchange ramps at 21st Street, 29th Street, Fairlawn Road, and Gage Boulevard may be closed for short durations to complete work on the ramps. Advance message boards will alert traffic to all lane and ramp closures. There will be an 11-foot width lane restriction and a reduced speed limit of 55 mph through the project work zone. Drivers may encounter minor delays and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated traffic information for this pavement repair project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp

Crews will first remove the damaged areas of concrete and then fill the patched areas back in with new concrete pavement. New pavement markings will be applied to the repaired areas.

Chester Bross Construction Company (Palmyra, MO) is the primary contractor on this repair project with a total contract cost of \$4,877,148. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is early October 2010.

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 pavement repair project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Steve Baalman, Field Engineering Administrator, at (785) 296-2291.

###

This information is available in alternative accessible formats. To obtain an alternative format, contact KDOT Transportation Information, Eisenhower Building, 700 SW Harrison, 2nd Floor West, Topeka, Kan., 66603-3754, or (785) 296-3585 (Voice)/Hearing Impaired - 711.