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### **Resurfacing Work Scheduled for US-24 in Jefferson & Douglas Counties**

Weather permitting, on **Monday, July 27**, an 11-mile resurfacing project will begin on US-24 from the US-24/US-59 intersection in Williamstown (Jefferson County) east to the Douglas/Leavenworth County line. Resurfacing work will take place daily, Monday through Saturday, during daylight hours (approximately 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.).

Flaggers will coordinate with pilot cars to guide traffic through the project. Drivers should expect some minor delays of up to 15 minutes, including possible start and stop traffic. Drivers are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. Traffic on US-24 will be restricted to one lane with a width restriction of 11 feet (in the work area only) throughout the duration of the project.

Workers will begin the recycle process which includes milling away the top two inches of pavement then reapplying two inches of recycled asphalt over the roadway surface. Workers will spread a thin layer of asphalt over the pavement then coat it with a layer of rock chips that is pressed into place with heavy rollers. The resurfacing project will smooth the road and fill cracks that can shorten pavement life. Following the completion of the overlay, permanent pavement markings will be placed on the resurfaced roadway.

Dustrol Inc. is the primary contractor on this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$1,158,236. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is early September 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 more information on this resurfacing project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Steve Baalman, Field Engineering Administrator, at (785) 296-2291.

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