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Resurfacing Work to Begin on K-7 in Johnson & Wyandotte Counties

Weather permitting, on **Thursday, August 2**, a resurfacing project will begin along K-7 from K-10 in Johnson County to north of I-70 in Wyandotte County. Crews will work daily, Monday through Friday, with some Saturday work, from approximately 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Resurfacing work will also occur on various ramps and intersections along K-7.

The resurfacing project on K-7 will smooth the road surface and fill cracks that can shorten pavement life. Crews will apply a thin layer of asphalt over special asphalt “glue” that binds the new asphalt overlay to the old pavement. This type of overlay promotes drainage, reducing hydroplaning, wet weather spray, and skidding.

K-7 traffic will experience varying daily lane and ramp closures throughout the duration of the project. Ramp closures will vary from one to several days in length, depending on the current ramp conditions. The latest updated daily lane and ramp closure information for this K-7 project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp. Drivers should expect some minor delays and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible.

HAMM, Inc., is the primary contractor for this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$3.2 million. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is late fall 2007.

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 work zones. For questions or additional information on this resurfacing project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 296-3881, or Amy Pope, Bonner Springs Construction Engineer, at (785) 721-2754.

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