I-70 Resurfacing Project Set to Begin in Wyandotte County

Weather permitting, on Monday evening, September 27 at 7:00 p.m., a resurfacing project will begin on eastbound and westbound I-70 from 118th Street to K-7 in Wyandotte County. Project work will take place overnight, Monday through Friday, between 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. each day.

Crews will complete milling work first followed by the overlay work. Eastbound and westbound I-70 will have varying lane closures during the project duration. A posted speed limit of 60 mph will be in effect overnight through the project work zone. Special Note: No work and/or lane closures will be scheduled for Friday, October 1 through Sunday, October 3, 2010, due to the race weekend at Kansas Speedway.

When work is completed on the 118th Street to K-7 section of I-70, crews will then move to the ramps at the I-70 and Turner Diagonal interchange to complete resurfacing work. When this occurs, these ramps will be closed and marked detours will be provided. Traffic will detour via 78th St to I-70 then back to the Turner Diagonal. A separate advance alert will be sent when these ramps are scheduled to close.

Drivers should expect little delays and are advised to use alternate routes on I-70, if possible. Updated daily lane/ramp closure information for this resurfacing project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

Workers will mill away the top 2-inches of pavement then apply a new 2-inch layer of asphalt over the existing pavement which will smooth the road and fill cracks that can shorten pavement life. Once the asphalt overlay is complete, workers will then replace the permanent pavement markings on the resurfaced roadway.
Superior Bowen is the primary contractor for this $685,000 resurfacing project. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is mid-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 project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Amy Pope, Bonner Springs Construction Engineer, at (913) 721-2754.

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