Resurfacing Project Begins on US-73/K-7 in Leavenworth County

On Thursday, July 30, a pavement patching and resurfacing project began on US-73/K-7 from the Centennial Bridge in Leavenworth north to Lowemont (County Road 14) in Leavenworth County. Crews will work daily Monday through Friday (with some occasional Saturdays) during daylight hours. Work on US-73/K-7 from the Centennial Bridge to just past 7th Street (Leavenworth) will take place overnight between 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. only.

Flaggers will coordinate with pilot cars to guide traffic through the project, with the exception of the area from the Centennial Bridge to 20th Street in Leavenworth, which will be handled by a combination of lane closures/flaggers. Drivers should expect minor delays of up to 15 minutes, including possible start and stop traffic, and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. When drivers enter the project work zone on US-73/K-7 from adjacent roadways, they must not enter onto US-73/K-7 until they are able to follow in behind a pilot car. Updated daily lane/ramp closure information for this resurfacing project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp

Workers will first repair the pavement by removing any loose material and then fill the voids in the roadway pavement with new asphalt. They will then apply the overlay by spreading 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. Once the asphalt overlay is complete, workers will then replace the permanent pavement markings on the resurfaced roadway.

Bettis Asphalt is the primary contractor on this resurfacing project with a total cost of $1,188,242. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is late 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 resurfacing project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Jim Wetterberg, Bonner Springs Construction Manager, at (913) 721-2754.