Resurfacing Project to Begin on US-73 in Leavenworth County

Weather permitting, on **Tuesday, June 9 at 9:00 a.m.**, a resurfacing project will begin on US-73 from Connie Street to Limit Street in Leavenworth County. Crews will work at varying hours, Monday through Friday, with some occasional weekend work. To begin, project work will take place each day **Monday, June 9 through Friday, June 12**, between **9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.** Then on Sunday, June 14, crews will switch to **overnight hours with work taking place from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., Sunday through Friday**, throughout the remainder of the project duration.

Traffic will be reduced to one lane each direction and will be directed via signage through the project work zone. Drivers should expect minor delays and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated daily lane/ramp closure information for this resurfacing project can be viewed online at: [www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp](http://www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp).

The resurfacing project will smooth the road and fill surface defects that can shorten pavement life. 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. Once the asphalt overlay is complete, workers will then replace the permanent pavement markings on the resurfaced roadway.

Superior Bowen is the primary contractor on this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of $759,000 (also includes resurfacing project on K-5 in Wyandotte County). The scheduled completion date for the entire project is late July 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 Amy Pope, Bonner Springs Construction Engineer, at (913) 721-2754.

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