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U.S. 56 Resurfacing Project to Begin in Johnson County

On Friday, July 12, a resurfacing project will begin on a 7.4-mile stretch of eastbound and westbound U.S. 56 from the Johnson/Douglas County limit to the west city limits of Gardner in Johnson County. Project work includes milling away of 2-inches of the existing asphalt pavement, followed by the application of a 2-inch asphalt overlay and then a chip seal. All shoulders will receive a new rock edge wedge. New pavement markings will be applied on the resurfaced portions of U.S. 56. Work will take place Monday through Friday, during daylight hours (approximately 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.).

Beginning Friday, July 12, eastbound and westbound U.S. 56 will be reduced to one lane for both directions in two-mile intervals, along with intermittent closures of adjacent cross roads during the project work hours. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via a pilot car operation during daylight hours only. Drivers should expect delays of up to 15 minutes maximum and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. There will be a 14-foot lane width restriction through the project work zone during working hours throughout the project duration.

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the lane closures. Drivers should expect major delays during the peak hours and should use alternate routes, if possible. Updated daily traffic information for this project can be viewed at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.
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.

Dustrol Inc. (Towanda, KS) is the primary contractor on this $922,551 resurfacing project. The resurfacing project is scheduled to be completed in late August 2013, weather permitting.

This project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. Find out more about this and other T-WORKS projects at: http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/.

For more information on this resurfacing project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Howard Lubliner, Acting Olathe Metro Engineer, at (913) 764-4525. (KDOT Project # 56-46 KA 3033-01)

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