US-169 Resurfacing Project Set to Begin in Johnson County

Weather permitting, on Monday, September 13 at 8:30 a.m., a resurfacing project will begin on northbound and southbound US-169 from 175th Street to 215th Street in Johnson County. Work is scheduled to take place daily Monday through Friday during daylight hours. Crews will first complete all work on the southbound side of US-169 and then move to the northbound direction.

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the lane closures. During the resurfacing work, US-169 will be open to one lane in both directions. Drivers should expect minor delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated daily lane closure information for this resurfacing project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

Project work includes spray patching of damaged areas in the concrete pavement, followed by a Nova Chip overlay. Workers will apply a 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. The resurfacing project will smooth the road and fill cracks that can shorten pavement life. New pavement markings will be applied to all resurfaced areas.

APAC Inc. is the primary contractor on this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of $995,000. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is early 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 questions or additional information on this resurfacing project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Ruben Noguera, Field Engineering Administrator, at (913) 764-4525.

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