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## **US-73/K-7 Resurfacing Project Set to Begin in Leavenworth County**

At **8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 27**, a resurfacing project will begin on **US-73/K-7 (Metropolitan Avenue) from the K-92 (4th Street) intersection to .75-miles west of the 20th Street interchange in Leavenworth (Leavenworth County)**. (See map below for **project location**.) Project work includes spray patching of existing pavement, application of a nova chip overlay and permanent pavement markings. 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. Work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday for the week of August 27-31; then for the remainder of the project (except for pavement marking work), work will take place overnight, 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., Monday through Friday.

Beginning on **Monday, August 27**, eastbound and westbound US-73/K-7 will be reduced to one lane during working hours for the project duration. Crews will begin work with the spray pavement patching the week of August 27-31. Then on **Tuesday, September 4 at 7:00 p.m.**, crews will begin the overlay work. Traffic will be reduced to a 12-foot lane width restriction with no speed limit change through the project work zone.

Updated traffic information for this project can be viewed online: [www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp](http://www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp). Drivers should expect some delays, especially during peak morning/evening rush hours, and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible.

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.

Superior Bowen (Kansas City, MO) is the primary contractor on this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$537,000. **The scheduled completion date for the entire project is early October 2012, 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 Amy Pope, Construction Manger, Bonner Springs at (913) 721-2754. (KDOT Project #73-52 KA 2842-01)

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