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Resurfacing Work Set to Begin on US-56 in Johnson County

Weather permitting, on **Monday, June 30,** resurfacing work will begin on US-56 from the Douglas/Johnson County line east to the west Gardner city limits. US-56 will be reduced to one lane during the resurfacing project. Crews will work daily, Monday through Friday, during daylight hours.

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 project work is complete, new pavement markings will be applied to the entire resurfaced portion of US-56.

Flaggers will coordinate with pilot cars to guide traffic through the project. US-56 will be reduced to one lane during the times crews are completing resurfacing working. Drivers should expect some minor delays of up to 15 minutes, including possible start and stop traffic, 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.

Vance Brothers, Inc. is the primary contractor on this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of $258,000. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is mid-July 2008.

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 more information on this resurfacing project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Ruben Noguera, (913) 764-4525 or ruben@ksdot.org.

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