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Short-term Ramp Closures Scheduled at K-7/K-10 Interchange in Johnson County

Weather permitting, on Saturday, June 21, resurfacing work will close ramps at the K-7 and K-10 interchange in Johnson County. Crews will begin resurfacing work on the ramps at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 21, and work is scheduled to be completed by late afternoon the same day.

Each K-7/K-10 interchange ramp will close for approximately one hour while resurfacing work is completed on the ramp. Marked detours will be provided. Drivers should expect some minor delays. Updated daily lane/ramp closure information for this resurfacing project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

This work is part of the resurfacing project that began in early June on K-10 from the Douglas/Johnson County line to just east of K-7 and on K-7 just north and south of K-10. The resurfacing project will smooth the road and fill cracks that can shorten pavement life. Workers will apply a 5/8-inch 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. Also, new pavement markings will be applied to the entire resurfaced portion of K-10 and K-7.

Hamm, Inc. is the primary contractor on this project with a total contract cost of $1.8 million. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is mid-summer 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.

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