Project Scope. On **Monday, May 11, 2015**, a 1.6-mile pavement replacement project will begin on U.S. 73/K-7 (Metropolitan Avenue) from the north side of the 4th Street and Cheyenne Street intersection to the 20th Street interchange, including a section on K-92 from 4th Street to the Centennial Bridge in Leavenworth (Leavenworth County). The overall project is scheduled to be completed and opened to traffic in **mid-December 2015**, weather permitting.

Project Work. Project work includes replacement of the existing concrete pavement and sub-base in-kind with the same number of lanes and shoulder width, along with new curb and gutter and ADA sidewalk ramps, that exists today on the portions of U.S. 73/K-7 (Metropolitan Avenue) and K-92 mentioned above. All new pavement markings will be applied to the completed roadway. Work will take place primarily during daylight hours, Monday-Friday, with some occasional Saturday work (except for the overnight work that will occur on the 4th and 7th Street intersections and on K-92 as noted below).

Construction work will be completed in multiple phases. Each phase will take 30 consecutive calendar days to complete. Multiple phases can be under construction at any one time, though each individual phase must be completed and opened to traffic within 30 consecutive calendar days from the phase start date.

Project work is scheduled to begin on **Monday, May 11**, on the north side of U.S. 73/K-7 between the 7th and 10th Street intersections. Phased project work will move west in the north side lanes of U.S. 73/K-7 to the 20th Street interchange and then work will switch to the south side lanes of U.S. 73/K-7 as crews head back east to 7th Street.
**Traffic Impacts.** U.S. 73/K-7 traffic will be placed side by side and reduced to one lane each direction, 24/7 round the clock, through each construction phase throughout the project duration. Traffic will be directed via cones, signage and delineators through the project work zone.

Pedestrian traffic will be impacted by sidewalk closures as pavement replacement work takes place on the ADA ramps. With sidewalks located on both sides of U.S. 73/K-7, pedestrian traffic will be directed to the opposite side of the roadway as ramps are reconstructed.

Project construction phases have been designed to limit disruption to businesses and homeowners and to provide safe access across the work zones. The project contractor, Miles Excavating Inc., will notify adjacent property owners five (5) days prior to limiting access to their individual properties.

The 4th and 7th Street intersections on U.S. 73/K-7 and on K-92 from 4th Street to the Centennial Bridge will be constructed utilizing precast concrete pavement slabs, and not a concrete pour in place process which will be utilized on the remainder of the project. Construction work during this project phase will take place overnight between 7:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. the following morning. Traffic will be maintained one lane each direction, except on K-92 where traffic will be reduced to one lane for both directions with flaggers directing traffic. Temporary traffic signals will be utilized to supplement the existing signals at both the 4th and 7th Street intersections to help direct traffic during the project construction.

There will be a 35 mph posted speed limit and a 12-foot lane width restriction through the work zone throughout the project duration. Drivers should expect delays during peak commute times and should allow extra time for their daily commutes. Updated daily traffic information for this project and for the entire Kansas City Metro Area can be viewed at: [www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/lane-close.asp](http://www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/lane-close.asp).

For questions or more information on this U.S. 73/K-7 pavement replacement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340 or kqualls@ksdot.org. If you would like to receive progress updates and traffic alerts on the project, please send me your email address.