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I-135 Pavement Rehabilitation Project Begins Monday

A Kansas Department of Transportation highway preservation project on I-135 from 37th Street North to 85th Street North will begin on Monday, June 23. The project includes extensive work to six miles of interstate highway including patching, milling then asphalt overlays, bridge repairs, guardrail replacement, stormwater drainage improvements, signing, lighting and striping. Construction sequencing is scheduled to reduce negative effects on traffic flow but with the large amount of work, high traffic volumes, and extended construction timetable, delay for drivers in the work zone is likely.

Initial stages of the project will include a speed reduction (to 60 m.p.h.) through the entire project area and further speed reductions when workers are present or when lanes are closed. Pavement patching in the northbound lanes of I-135, starting at 37th St., is expected to begin June 25 and continue on northbound then southbound I-135 through July. Drivers should expect lane closures to begin at 7 pm for a three-mile work zone. Adjacent ramps will be closed, as needed, to allow patching on ramps and mainline lanes. No work will take place in these temporary work zones between 3 pm and 7 pm on northbound lanes; 6 am until 9 am on southbound lanes.

Subsequent stages of the project will include adjustments to driving lanes over bridges and additional temporary lane closures to allow asphalt replacement and other repair operations.

Cornejo & Sons of Wichita is the lead contractor on the \$22,051,529.07 project. It has a completion date of August 1, 2015 specified which includes a winter restriction on mainline highway work.

The project is part of the highway preservation component of T-WORKS, an \$8 billion, 10-year transportation program approved by the 2010 Kansas Legislature. More information on the program is available at <http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/>. Information on this and other Wichita highway projects is available at www.WichitaKDOT.org.

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