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U.S. 54 Pavement Patching Project Begins Monday

A Kansas Department of Transportation highway preservation project on U.S. 54 from Ridge Road to Washington Street will begin on Monday evening, July 21. Concrete pavement patching is the main activity of the project and to minimize impacts to traffic, the work will be completed in the evening and overnight hours.

Initial work will begin on westbound U.S. 54 on the Ridge Road exit and entrance ramps. On Monday, Tuesday and possibly Wednesday nights, the ramps will be closed at 7 pm and will reopen by 6 am each morning. The closure will prevent access to the Mid-Continent Airport ramp and to Ridge Road from U.S. 54. Drivers can exit at Dugan Road and use the westbound frontage road for access to Ridge Road or to the airport via Ridge Road.

Work on the mainline of U.S. 54 should begin after the repair of the Ridge Road ramps. The contractor will work Sunday – Thursday nights, 7 pm until 6 am. Generally, a lane will be closed at 7 pm and an additional lane can be closed at 9 pm. Ramps may also be closed if repairs are necessary.

A different part of the project includes the repair of a drainage pipe under eastbound U.S. 54 east of Sycamore Street. The short term closure of a lane and shoulder is scheduled to occur Friday, July 25 at 7 pm until the work is completed on Saturday or Sunday.

Diamond Surfacing Inc. of Rogers, Minnesota is the lead contractor on the \$1,240,983.26 project. The project will be completed before winter.

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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