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# K-7 & K-9 Resurfacing Project Begins in Atchison & Doniphan Counties

On **Thursday, May 16**, a resurfacing project will begin on a 31.69-mile stretch of K-7 and K-9 in Doniphan and Atchison Counties. Resurfacing work will take place on **K-7** from the north city limits of Atchison just south of the K-20 junction then 0.5-miles north of the U.S. 36 junction to the Kansas/Nebraska state line, and on **K-9** from the East 159 junction east to the U.S. 73 junction. Project work includes a 1-inch surface mill and 1.5-inch asphalt overlay on mainline lanes and rocking of the adjacent shoulders. Work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work. The work will be coordinated so that all lanes will be opened to traffic by one-half before sunset.

Beginning on **Thursday, May 16**, northbound and southbound K-7 will be reduced to one lane for resurfacing work as crews begin work at White Cloud in Doniphan County and move north to the Kansas/Nebraska state line. Crews will first complete resurfacing work on K-7 then move to K-9. Traffic will be reduced to one lane for both directions along with intermittent closures of adjacent cross roads during the project work hours.

Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via a pilot car and flagger operation. Drivers should expect delays of up to 15 minutes maximum and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. There will be an 11-foot lane width

restriction and a posted speed limit of 40 mph through the work zone except in areas where workers are located, in these locations the posted speed limit will be reduced to 20 mph. No large structures or superloads will be allowed through the project work zone. Uneven lane signs will be used when needed to guide traffic through the project.

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.

Herzog Contracting (St. Joseph, MO) is the primary contractor on this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$2.281 million. **Overall project work is scheduled to be completed in mid-October 2013, weather permitting.**

This project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. Find out more about this and other T-WORKS projects at: <http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/>.

For questions or additional information on this resurfacing project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Michelle Anschutz, Horton Construction Engineer, at (785) 486-2142. (KDOT Project #106 KA 2867-01)

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