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### **Resurfacing Work Scheduled for US-56 in Osage County**

Weather permitting, on **Monday, July 13**, a resurfacing project will begin on US-56 from the K-31/US-56 junction, north to the city limits of Burlingame and from Kansas Street in Burlingame east to the Osage/Douglas County line and will include the cities of Scranton and Overbrook. Resurfacing work will take place during daylight hours (approximately 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work.

Flaggers will coordinate with pilot cars to guide traffic through the project. Drivers should expect some minor delays of up to 15 minutes, including possible start and stop traffic, and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. When drivers enter the project work zone on US-56 from adjacent roadways, they must not enter onto US-56 until they are able to follow in behind the pilot car. There will be an 11-foot lane width restriction on US-56 through the project work zone.

The resurfacing project will smooth the road and fill cracks that can shorten pavement life. Workers will spread a thin layer of asphalt over the pavement and coat it with a layer of rock chips that is pressed into place with heavy rollers. New pavement markings will be applied to the entire resurfaced US-56 roadway.

Heckert Construction Company is the primary contractor on this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$596,443. The scheduled completion date for the resurfacing project is mid-August 2009.

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, or Earl Bosak, Area Engineer, at (785) 528-3128.

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