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Resurfacing Work Set to Begin on US-73 in Atchison County

Weather permitting, on **Tuesday, May 31**, a resurfacing project will begin on a 6.5-mile stretch of US-73 from near the 234th Road turnoff for the city of Easton to the Atchison/Leavenworth County line. Resurfacing work will take place daily, Monday through Saturday, during daylight hours.

Flaggers will coordinate with pilot cars to guide traffic through the project work zone. 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-73 from adjacent roadways, they must not enter onto either highway until they are able to follow in behind the pilot car. There will be a 15-foot lane width restriction throughout the project during daylight work hours. Speed limits of 40 mph will be posted through the project work zone except where crews are present as the speed limit will be reduced to 20 mph in these areas. The work will be coordinated so that all lanes will be opened to traffic 30 minutes before sunset.

The resurfacing project will smooth the road and fill cracks that can shorten pavement life. Crews will mill away 3/4-inch of the existing asphalt and place a new 1.5-inch layer of asphalt on top of the milled sections. New pavement markings will be applied to the resurfaced roadway.

Herzog Contracting, St. Joseph, MO, is the primary contractor on this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$649,325. The scheduled completion date for the resurfacing project is mid-July 2011, weather permitting.

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 Michelle Anschutz, Horton Construction Engineer, at (785) 485-2142.

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