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## **U.S. 24 Reconstruction Project to Resume Work in Shawnee & Jefferson Counties**

On **Monday, March 18**, a pavement reconstruction project will resume work on a 5.3-mile section of U.S. 24 from the city of Grantville in Shawnee County to just east of the K-234 junction in Jefferson County. Project work includes removal and replacement of pavement, shoulder work, and the addition of a right turn lane at Clark Road. Work will take place during daylight hours Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work.

Project work began in June 2012 and reconstruction work on the U.S. 24 eastbound lanes was completed in late 2012. During the 2013 construction season, crews will complete reconstruction work on the westbound lanes of U.S. 24.

Beginning on **Monday, March 18**, eastbound and westbound U.S. 24 will be reduced to one lane each direction from K-237 to Grantville Road. Crews will complete guardrail repair work and traffic control installation and temporary traffic striping for the upcoming traffic switch to the eastbound lanes. Once the guardrail repairs are completed, the existing U.S. 24 westbound lanes will be closed and eastbound and westbound U.S. 24 traffic will be carried on the new eastbound lanes (side by side) with one lane in each direction. All side road and entrance access will remain open during this phase of the project.

Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via signage and cones. There will be a posted speed limit of 55 mph and a 12-foot lane width restriction through the project work zone during working hours.

Drivers should expect minor delays during peak travel times. Updated traffic information for this project can be viewed at:

[www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp](http://www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp).

Ideker, Inc. (St. Joseph, MO) is the primary contractor on this pavement reconstruction project with a total contract cost of \$8.157 million. **The scheduled completion date for the pavement reconstruction project is late July 2013, 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.

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 more information on this pavement reconstruction project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340. (KDOT Project #24-44 KA 2404-01)

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