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U.S. 24 Intersection Improvement Project to Begin in Jefferson County - **UPDATE!**

On **Monday, September 16**, a project will begin to complete intersection improvements at U.S. 24 and Ferguson Road and at U.S. 24 and Linn Road in Perry (Jefferson County). Project work includes the addition of turn lanes and traffic signals at the U.S. 24 and Ferguson Road intersection and widening work at the U.S. 24 and Linn Road intersection. Once all widening work is completed, crews will then mill away 2-inches of the existing asphalt pavement followed by a 2-inch overlay of new asphalt at both intersections. Work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work. **The project start date has been rescheduled from Monday, July 8 to Monday, September 16.**

Beginning on **Monday, September 16, eastbound and westbound U.S. 24 from Linn Road to Ferguson Road will be reduced to one open lane for both directions for the resurfacing work. Traffic will be directed through the work zone via a flagger and pilot car operation.**

Drivers should expect delays of up to 15 minutes maximum and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. There will be a 12-foot lane width restriction both directions on U.S. 24 throughout the project duration.

Project work will include potential closures of Ferguson Road, Elm Street, and Cedar Street in Perry. **Marked detours will be provided for local access to U.S. 24 via the local street network.**

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.

Hamm Inc. (Topeka, KS) is the primary contractor on this intersection improvement project with a total contract cost of \$709,182. **The scheduled completion date for the overall project is mid-November 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 more information on this intersection improvement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Bill Heptig, Field Engineering Administrator, at (785) 296-3986. (*KDOT Project #24-44 KA 2607-01*)

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