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## **US-59 Resurfacing Project to Begin in Jefferson County**

On **Monday, August 8**, a resurfacing project will begin on a 25.43-mile stretch of northbound and southbound US-59 from the US-24 junction north to the K-4 junction in Jefferson County. Crews will begin work from the K-4 junction and move south to the US-24 junction. Work will take place daily, Monday through Saturday, during daylight hours.

Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via flaggers and signage. Drivers should expect delays of up to 15 minutes maximum. When drivers enter the project work zone on US-59 from adjacent roadways, they must not enter onto either highway until they are directed by the flaggers. There will be an 11-foot lane width restriction throughout the project during daylight work hours. A 45 mph speed limit will be posted through the project work zone.

Crews will mill away the top two inches of pavement then spread a two-inch layer of asphalt over the milled roadway surface. The resurfacing project will smooth the road and fill cracks that can shorten pavement life. Following the completion of the overlay, permanent pavement markings will be placed on the resurfaced roadway.

Bettis Asphalt & Construction, Inc. is the primary contractor on this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$3.81 million. **The scheduled completion date for the entire project is early October 2011, 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/>.

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 Mary Files, Construction Engineer, at (785) 296-2291. (*KDOT Project #59-44 KA 2343-01*)

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