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U.S. 56 Resurfacing Project Begins in Osage County

On **Wednesday, July 16**, a resurfacing project began on a 26-mile stretch of U.S. 56 from the **K-31 (not K-130)** junction in Osage County north and east to the Douglas County line. Project work includes a hot in place asphalt recycle followed by a chip seal application on all mainline lanes and shoulders. New pavement markings will be added to resurfaced roadway. The resurfacing project will smooth the road and fill surface defects that can shorten pavement life. Work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work.

Beginning on **Wednesday, July 16**, eastbound and westbound U.S. 56 will be reduced to one lane for several miles at a time through a portion of the project work zone. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via a pilot car and flagger operation. Traffic will be reduced to one lane for both directions along with intermittent short-term closures of adjacent cross roads during the project work hours. Drivers should expect delays of up to 15 minutes maximum and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. There will be an 11-foot lane width restriction through the project work zone throughout the project duration.

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.

Dustrol Inc. (Towanda, KS) is the primary contractor on this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$1.968 million. **The scheduled completion date for the resurfacing project is mid-September 2014, 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 resurfacing project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Nathan Anstey, Construction Manager, at (620) 342-5402. (KDOT Project #56-70 KA-3993-01)

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