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46th Street Roundabout Construction Project Begins in Shawnee County

On **Wednesday, March 17**, project work began on the 46th Street roundabout construction project located just east of the US-75 interchange in Shawnee County. Project work includes construction of two roundabouts on 46th Street at Oakley Avenue and Fielding Road and the widening of 46th Street from two to four lanes through the roundabout section of roadway.

Project work will be completed in approximately five phases. Phase I construction began on Wednesday, March 17, and includes the building of an exit only road from Hunter's Ridge Shopping Center to 46th Street and the temporary widening of 46th Street on the south side to carry traffic during Phase II. Phase II includes reconstructing the north side of 46th Street and building half of the roundabouts (excluding the center island) at Oakley Avenue and Fielding Road. Phase III includes switching traffic over to the north side of 46th Street for reconstruction work on the south side of 46th Street and construction of the remaining half of the roundabouts at Oakley Avenue and Fielding Road. Phase IV includes the construction of the center islands on the roundabouts. Phase V includes the resurfacing of 46th Street through the project.

Currently there are little to no traffic impacts in place on the project. There are minor delays for flagging as crews complete temporary widening on the south side of 46th Street. Two-way traffic will be maintained duration during the entire project, except for a four-day period. There are four days when the road will be closed from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for storm sewer work (one day) and resurfacing work (three consecutive days). Local access to businesses will be maintained throughout the duration of the project.

Traffic will be directed via signage and concrete safety barrier will separate construction work from traffic during the entire project. Updated traffic information for this roadway improvement project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp.

Hamm Inc., is the primary contractor on this \$1.8 million roadway improvement project. The 46th Street improvement project is a cooperative project with KDOT and Shawnee County. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is early September 2010.

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 roadway improvement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Steve Baalman, Field Engineering Administrator, at (785) 296-2291.

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