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I-470 Pavement Repair Project to Begin in Shawnee County

Weather permitting, on **Saturday, July 23**, a concrete pavement repair project will begin on a 1.77-mile stretch of eastbound and westbound I-470 from the I-70 interchange to the 21st Street interchange in Topeka/Shawnee County. Work will take place primarily during weekend and/or overnight throughout the weekdays.

Beginning on **Saturday, July 23 at 12:00 a.m. (midnight)**, westbound I-470 will be **reduced to one open lane and the westbound I-470 to eastbound I-70 entrance ramp will be closed and will reopen to all traffic at 6:30 a.m. on Monday morning, July 25**. A marked detour will be provided via westbound I-70 to Auburn Road exit, then turnaround and back onto I-70 eastbound to I-470 exit. Message boards will alert drivers to the marked detour.

Varying lane closures will occur throughout the duration of the project with one lane of traffic to remain open in each direction on eastbound and westbound I-470. The lane closures will be in place round the clock (24/7) during the weekend with lane closures beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening and reopening to all traffic at 6:30 a.m. the following Monday morning. Overnight closures during the weekdays will occur beginning at 6:00 p.m. and will reopen to all traffic at 6:30 a.m. the following morning. The ramps throughout this section of I-470 will be closed one at a time with advance notice. There will be a 14-foot width restriction and a reduced speed limit of 50 mph through the project work zone.

Drivers may encounter delays and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated traffic information for this pavement repair project can be viewed online at:

www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp.

Crews will first remove the damaged areas of concrete and then fill the patched areas back in with new concrete pavement as well as complete joint sealing work as needed. New pavement markings will be applied to the repaired areas.

Iowa Erosion Control, Inc. (Victor, IA) is the primary contractor on this pavement repair project with a total contract cost of \$1.25 million. **The scheduled completion date for the entire project is late October 2011.**

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 pavement repair project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Mary Files, Construction Engineer, P.E., at (785) 296-2291. (*KDOT Project #470-89 KA 0061*)

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