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Pavement Repair Project to Begin July 20 on US-24 in Shawnee County

Weather permitting, on **Monday, July 20**, a concrete pavement repair project will begin on US-24 at both the Kansas Avenue and Rochester Road intersections in north Topeka (Shawnee County). Repair work will take place daily, Monday through Friday, during daylight hours, with some occasional Saturday work. Crews will remove existing pavement beginning at 4:30 p.m. late afternoon and into the evening hours, and will pour new concrete in the early morning hours. Pavement repair work will take place at the US-24/Kansas Avenue intersection the week of July 20-25 and at the US-24/Rochester Road intersection the week of July 27-31.

Eastbound and westbound US-24 traffic will be maintained through the work zone with one lane open in each direction at all times. Kansas Avenue and Rochester Road will be closed to through traffic at US-24 for several day-long periods to allow repair work to be completed within the intersections. Advance message boards will alert traffic to lane closures on Kansas Avenue and Rochester Road. Drivers may encounter minor delays and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. There will be an 11.5-foot width lane restriction through the project work zone.

Crews will first remove a four-inch layer of concrete and then a four-inch layer of asphalt located underneath the concrete. Once the old concrete and asphalt pavement has been removed, crews will then fill the patched areas back in with new concrete pavement. New pavement markings will be applied to the repaired areas.

Graybeal Construction Company is the primary contractor on this repair project with a total contract cost of \$179,095. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is early August 2009.

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 Steve Baalman, Field Engineering Administrator, at (785) 296-2291.

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