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Pavement Repair Project to Resume on I-470 in Shawnee County

Weather permitting, on **Wednesday, July 21 at 6:00 p.m.**, a concrete pavement repair project will resume on westbound I-470 in Topeka (Shawnee County). Repair work will take place on a 2-mile stretch of westbound I-470 between Gage Boulevard and 21st Street. Work will take place daily, Monday through Saturday between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.; no work will take place on Sunday.

Lane closures will occur throughout the duration of the project with one lane of traffic to remain open at all times. Interchange ramps along westbound I-470 may be closed for short durations to complete work on the ramps. Advance message boards will alert traffic to all lane and ramp closures. There will be an 11-foot width lane restriction and a reduced speed limit of 55 mph through the project work zone. Drivers may encounter minor 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.

The I-470 work is part of a larger project that includes work on eastbound and westbound I-70 extending from 3.3 miles just west of Urish Road to Danbury Lane and also from just east of Carnahan Avenue to the Kansas Turnpike Authority east toll booth plaza. Repair work on both eastbound I-70 and I-470 has been completed. Crews are currently completing repair work on westbound I-70 as well.

Crews will first remove the damaged areas of concrete and then fill the patched areas back in with new concrete pavement. New pavement markings will be applied to the repaired areas.

Chester Bross Construction Company (Palmyra, MO) is the primary contractor on this repair project with a total contract cost of \$4,877,148. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is early October 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 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. ###

This information is available in alternative accessible formats. To obtain an alternative format, contact KDOT Transportation Information, Eisenhower Building, 700 SW Harrison, 2nd Floor West, Topeka, Kan., 66603-3754, or (785) 296-3585 (Voice)/Hearing Impaired - 711.