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US-24 Resurfacing Project Scheduled to Begin in Shawnee County

Weather permitting, **either Wednesday, September 22 or Thursday, September 23 (originally scheduled for Monday, September 20) at 8:00 a.m.**, a resurfacing project will begin on eastbound and westbound US-24 on a 4-mile stretch from just west of the Menoken Road intersection to just west of the Rochester Road intersection. Crews will complete resurfacing work beginning on eastbound US-24 at Menoken Road moving east to Rochester Road, then will move to the westbound side heading back west to Menoken Road. Work will take place daily, Monday through Saturday, between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.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 in each direction on US-24 at all times. Ramps along US-24 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 a posted 50 mph speed limit through the work zone when crews are working.** Drivers may encounter minor delays and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated traffic information for this resurfacing project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp.

Crews will mill anywhere from 1 to 4.5-inches of existing pavement and replace all but the top one-inch of pavement each day. The final one-inch of new pavement will be placed once all milling work and base paving has been completed. New pavement markings will be applied to the resurfaced roadway.

Bettis Asphalt is the primary contractor on this repair project with a total contract cost of \$1.941 million. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is late 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 resurfacing 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.