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US-40 Resurfacing Project Begins in Douglas/Shawnee Counties

On **Thursday, June 9**, a resurfacing project began on a 17-mile stretch of US-40 just west of the K-4/US-40 interchange in Shawnee County to the K-10/US-40 interchange in Douglas County. This resurfacing project will help improve and preserve the driving surface of the roadway. Resurfacing work will take place daily, Monday through Saturday, during daylight hours.

Flaggers will coordinate with pilot cars to guide traffic through the project work zones. Drivers should expect some minor delays of up to 15 minutes, including possible start and stop traffic, and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. When drivers enter the project work zone on US-40 from adjacent roadways, they must not enter onto either highway until they are able to follow in behind the pilot car. There will be a 12-foot lane width restriction throughout the project during daylight work hours. The work will be coordinated so that all lanes will be opened to traffic 30 minutes before sunset.

The resurfacing project will smooth the road and fill surface defects that can shorten pavement life. Workers will spread a thin layer of asphalt over the pavement then coat it with a layer of rock chips that is pressed into place with heavy rollers. New pavement markings will be applied to the resurfaced roadways.

Vance Brothers (Kansas City, MO) is the primary contractor on this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$487,000. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is late June 2011.

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. (*KDOT Project #40-106 KA 1929-01*)

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