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US-75 Resurfacing Project to Begin in Shawnee County

On **Tuesday, September 11,** a resurfacing project will begin on a 2.75-mile stretch of US-75 from the Soldier Creek Bridge (north of US-24) to I-70 in Shawnee County. Project work includes spray patching for pavement repair and a 3-inch asphalt overlay followed by all new pavement markings. The resurfacing project will smooth the road and fill surface defects that can shorten pavement life.

Work will take place during specified hours, Monday through Sunday. Northbound US-75 will be reduced to one lane from 7:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. the following day and all northbound lanes will be open to unrestricted traffic from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day. Southbound US-75 will be reduced to one lane from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. the following day and all southbound lanes will be open to unrestricted traffic from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. each day.

On **Tuesday-Friday**, **September 11-14**, northbound and southbound will have varying lane closures as crews complete spray patch work on pothole areas via a mobile operation. Then beginning on **Monday**, **September 17**, northbound and/or southbound will be reduced to one lane for overlay work. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via message boards, cones and signage. There will be a posted speed limit of 55 mph and a 14-foot lane width restriction through the project work zone during working hours. Updated traffic information for this resurfacing project can be viewed online at: <u>www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp</u>.

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.

Bettis Asphalt and Construction Inc. (Topeka, KS) is the primary contractor on this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$3.584 million. **The scheduled completion date for the project is mid-November 2012, weather permitting.**

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: <u>http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/</u>.

For more information on this resurfacing project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Kevin Kellerman, Construction Engineer, at (785) 296-3986. *(KDOT Project #75-89 KA 2669-01)*

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