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U.S. 24 Resurfacing Project to Begin West of Silver Lake in Shawnee County – UPDATE #2!

On **Monday, October 6, Friday, September 26**, a resurfacing project will begin on a 10.5-mile stretch of U.S. 24 from just west of Silver Lake to the Shawnee/Pottawatomie County line in Shawnee County. Project work includes 1.5-inch mill of existing asphalt pavement followed by a 1.5-inch asphalt overlay over the existing roadway pavement. All new pavement markings will be added following the resurfacing work. Work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work.

On **Monday, October 6, Friday, September 26**, minor work will begin as crews set traffic control and place a test strip on the east end of the project. Beginning **sometime during the day on Monday, October 6, Monday, September 29**, eastbound and westbound U.S. 24 will be reduced to ONE OPEN LANE for both directions as crews begin milling work just west of Silver Lake heading west in the eastbound lane. Milling and overlay work will take place in the eastbound U.S. 24 lane first, followed by the same in the U.S. 24 westbound lane.

Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via a pilot car and flagger operation. Traffic will be reduced to one lane for both directions along with intermittent short-term closures of adjacent cross roads during the project work hours. Drivers

should expect delays of up to 15 minutes maximum and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. There will be an 11-foot lane width restriction and a reduced speed limit through the project work zone throughout the project duration. NOTE: Traffic control will be set-up and taken down daily and all lanes will be open to traffic by no later than 30 minutes prior to sunset.

Updated traffic information for this pavement reconstruction project can be viewed online: www.ksdot.org/topekametro/laneclose.asp.

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 (Topeka, KS) is the primary contractor on this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$1.104 million. **The scheduled completion date for the entire project is late mid-October 2014, 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: <http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/>.

For more information on this resurfacing project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Tom Dow, Construction Engineer, at (785) 296-3986. (KDOT Project #24-89 KA-3402-01)

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