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U.S. 24 Resurfacing Project Begins Today in Jefferson & Douglas Counties

On **Wednesday, April 1**, a resurfacing project will begin on an 11-mile stretch of U.S. 24 from the U.S. 59 junction in Jefferson County to the K-32/U.S. 40 junction in Douglas County. Project work includes milling of 3-inches of existing pavement followed by the application of a new 2-inch asphalt overlay on the existing mainline pavement, 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 daylight hours from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work.

On **Wednesday, April 1**, eastbound and westbound U.S. 24 will be reduced to one lane for both directions, several miles at a time, along with intermittent closures of adjacent cross roads during the project work hours. Work will begin on the east end of the project in Jefferson County and crews will work west towards Douglas County. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via signage, cones and a pilot car and flagger operation. Drivers should expect delays of up to 15 minutes maximum and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. There will be a posted speed limit of 55 mph and a 12-foot

lane width restriction through the project work zone during working hours. **No large structures or superloads will be allowed through the project work zone.**

Updated traffic information for this project can be viewed online at:

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 Inc. (Topeka, KS) is the primary contractor on this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$2.24 million. **The scheduled completion date for the entire resurfacing project in mid- to late May 2015, 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 Jerod Kelley, Construction Engineer, at (785) 842-0299. (KDOT Project #24-106 KA-3382-01)

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