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U.S. 75 overlay projects to begin in Shawnee and Osage counties

Two overlay projects on U.S. 75 are scheduled to begin in Shawnee and Osage counties on Tuesday, July 27, weather permitting.

According to the Kansas Department of Transportation, approximately 16 miles of southbound U.S. 75 will be restricted to one lane from Southwest 42nd Street in Topeka to just south of the U.S. 75/U.S. 56 intersection in Osage county.

Approximately 9 miles of northbound U.S. 75 will also be restricted to one lane from Southwest Topeka Boulevard to just south of the U.S. 75/U.S. 56 intersection in Osage county.

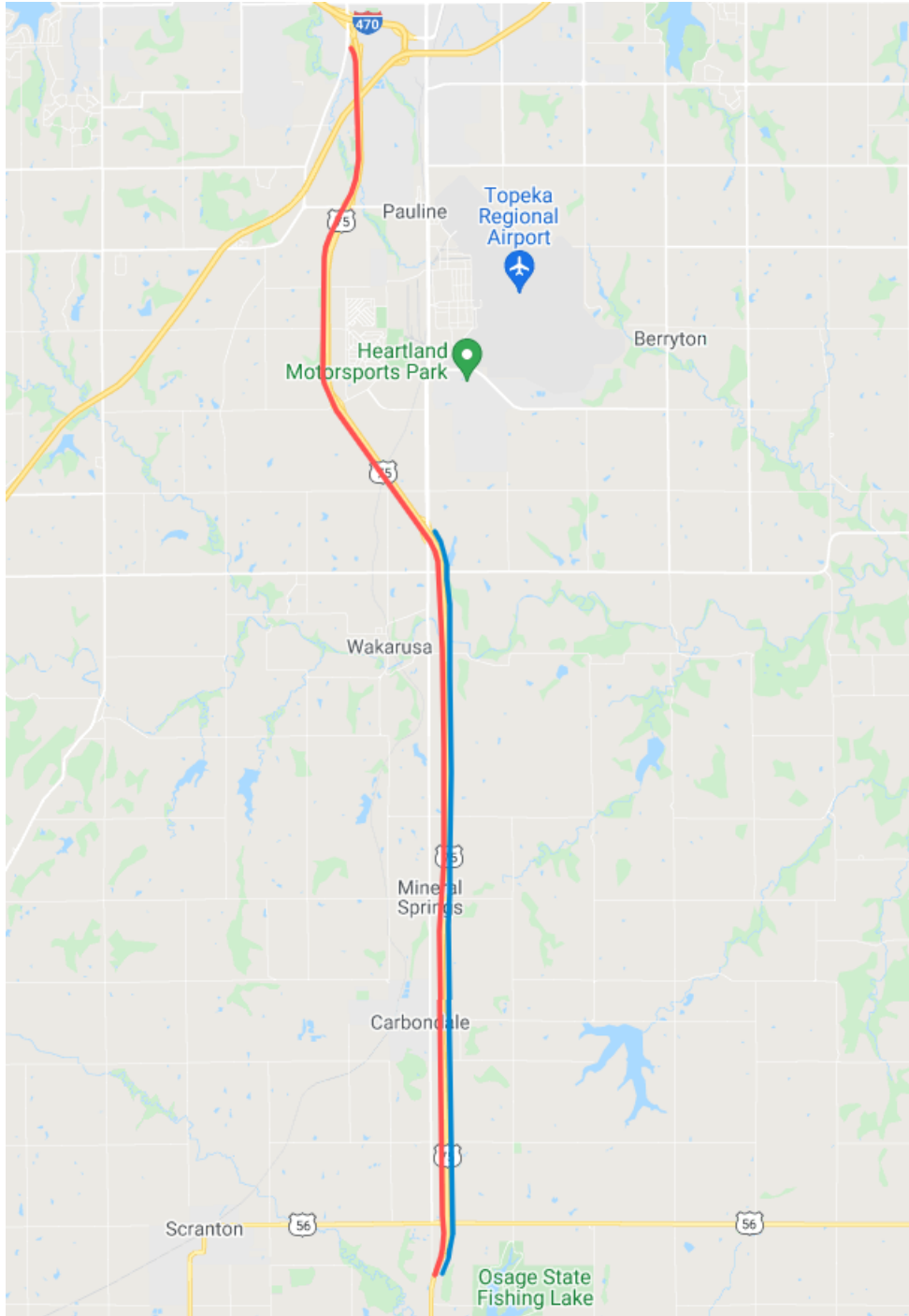
All on- and off- ramps on both routes are included in the projects. Ramp closures will be one day or less, and information will be posted on message boards three days in advance.

Traffic on either route will be directed through the work zone by a pilot car, flaggers, signs and cones. Drivers should plan for delays of up to 15 minutes.

Work will take place Monday through Saturday, during light hours. Both projects are expected to be complete by November.

Hamm, Inc. of Perry is the contractor on the combined \$6.6 million dollar projects.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert and obey the warning signs when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. To stay aware of all road construction projects across Kansas, go to www.kandrive.org or call 5-1-1.



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