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US-24/40 & 158th Street Intersection Improvement Project to Begin in Leavenworth County

On **Monday, August 27**, an improvement project will begin at the US-24/40 and 158th Street intersection in Basehor (Leavenworth County). Project work includes the installation of traffic signals and the addition/extension of left turn lanes at the intersection. Work will take place daily during daylight hours, Monday through Friday.

Beginning on **Monday, August 27**, work will begin on geometric improvements to the intersection including the turn lane additions/extensions. Eastbound and westbound US-24/40 at the intersection will be reduced to one lane during the project work hours. Once the geometric improvements are completed at the intersection, the project will be suspended while crews await delivery of the traffic signal posts. The new traffic signals are scheduled to be activated at the intersection in early December 2012. Advance notification will be issued when project work resumes for the installation of the traffic signals.

Drivers should expect delays, especially during peak morning/evening rush hours, and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible. Advance message boards will alert traffic to the lane closures. Updated traffic information for this intersection improvement project can be viewed online: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/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.

Leavenworth Excavating and Equipment Company, Inc. (Leavenworth, KS) is the primary contractor on this intersection improvement project with a total contract cost of \$597,867. **The scheduled completion date for the entire project is mid-December 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: <http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/>.

For more information on this intersection improvement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340. (KDOT Project #24-52 KA-2156-01)

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