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U.S. 73/K-7 Pavement Replacement Project to Begin in Leavenworth County

On **Monday, May 11**, a pavement replacement project will begin on a 1.6-mile section of U.S. 73/K-7 (Metropolitan Avenue) from the north side of the 4th Street and Cheyenne Street intersection to the 20th Street interchange, including a section on K-92 from 4th Street to the Centennial Bridge in Leavenworth (Leavenworth County). Work will take place primarily during daylight hours, Monday-

Friday, with some occasional Saturday work (except for the overnight work that will occur on the 4th and 7th Street intersections and on K-92 as noted below).

Project work includes replacement of the existing concrete pavement and sub-base in-kind with the same number of lanes and shoulder width, along with new curb and gutter and ADA sidewalk ramps, that exists today on the portions of U.S. 73/K-7 (Metropolitan Avenue) and K-92 mentioned above. All new pavement markings will be applied to the completed roadway.

Construction work will be completed in multiple phases. Each phase is scheduled to be completed in 30 consecutive calendar days. Multiple phases can be under construction at any one time, though each individual phase must be completed and opened to traffic within 30 consecutive calendar days from its start date. Advance separate notification will be sent out for each phase of construction providing estimated start dates and traffic impact information.

Project work is scheduled to begin on **Monday, May 11, on the north side of U.S. 73/K-7 between the 7th and 10th Street intersections.** Phased project work will move west in the north side lanes of U.S. 73/K-7 to the 20th Street interchange and then work will switch to the south side lanes of U.S. 73/K-7 as crews head back east to 7th Street.

U.S. 73/K-7 traffic will be placed side by side and reduced to one lane each direction, 24/7 round the clock, through each construction phase throughout the project duration. Traffic will be directed via cones, signage and delineators through the project work zone.

Project construction phases have been designed to limit disruption to businesses and homeowners and to provide safe access across the project work zones. The project contractor will notify adjacent property owners five (5) days prior to limiting access to their individual properties.

The 4th and 7th Street intersections on U.S. 73/K-7 and the Centennial Bridge approach pavement on K-92 will be constructed utilizing precast concrete pavement slabs, and not a concrete pour in place process which will be utilized on the remainder of the project. Construction work during this phase of the project will take place overnight between 7:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. the following morning. Traffic will be maintained one lane each direction, except on K-92 where traffic will be reduced to one lane for both directions with flaggers directing traffic. Temporary traffic signals will be utilized to supplement the existing signals at both the 4th and 7th Street intersections to help direct traffic during the project construction.

There will be a 35 mph posted speed limit and a 12-foot lane width restriction through the work zone throughout the project duration. Drivers should expect delays during peak commute times and should allow extra time for their daily commutes.

The U.S. 73/K-7 Pavement Replacement Construction Project Handout is available online: <http://www.ksdot.org/Assets/wwwksdotorg/bureaus/kcMetro/pdf2015/U.S.%2073%20-%20K-7%20Pavement%20Replacement%20Construction%20Project%20Handout%20-%20Leavenworth%20County.pdf>. This handout includes detailed information for construction phasing and traffic impacts for the U.S. 73/K-7 pavement replacement project.

Updated daily traffic information for this project and for the entire Kansas City Metro Area can be viewed at: 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.

Miles Excavating Inc., (Basehor, KS) is the primary contractor on this pavement replacement project with a total contract cost of \$6.834 million. **Project work is scheduled to be completed in mid-December 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 these and other T-WORKS projects at: <http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/>.

For more information on this pavement replacement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Paul Gripka, Field Engineering Administrator, at (913) 721-2754. If you would like to receive progress updates and traffic alerts on the project, please send your email address to Kimberly Qualls at kqualls@ksdot.org. (KDOT Project #73-52 KA-3529-01)

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