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U-S 73 Resurfacing Project Begins in Brown County

(KNZA)--A resurfacing project has begun on a 23-mile stretch of U.S. 73 Highway in Brown County from the Kansas/Nebraska state line to the north city limits of Horton.

The project began Monday at the state line and is progressing south.

The Kansas Department of Transportation says the project includes the milling of 3/4-inch of existing pavement, application of a 1.5-inch new asphalt layer, addition of rock to the shoulders, 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, Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work. The work will be coordinated so that all lanes will be opened to traffic by 30 minutes before sunset.

Northbound and southbound US-73 traffic will be reduced to one lane for both directions along with intermittent closures of adjacent cross roads during the project work hours.

Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via 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.

Hamm, Inc. of Perry is the primary contractor on the 3-million dollar project, which is scheduled for completion in mid-October.

The project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010.

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