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K-68 widening and resurfacing starts around June 1

Around Friday, June 1, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) expects to begin a project that will resurface the roadway and add shoulders on a section of K-68 in Franklin County. The project begins at the Osage-Franklin county line and continues east for 12 miles to the west city limits of Ottawa.

Workers will mill 1½ inches off the surface and overlay the roadway with 2 inches of asphalt. The highway will be widened by adding asphalt shoulders that are 2½ feet wide and 6 inches deep. Edge line rumble strips will be placed at the edges of the resurfaced highway lanes. In the community of Pomona, the resurfacing work through the curb-and-gutter section of K-68 will consist of a 2-inch mill and asphalt inlay.

Traffic at the work zone will be reduced to one lane controlled by flaggers and pilot car during daylight hours Monday through Friday. Motorists should expect delays of 15 minutes or less. The entire project should be finished by early October, weather permitting.

KDOT awarded the construction contract of approximately \$2.4 million to Hamm, Inc., of Perry, Kan. David Baldrige, construction engineer at the Garnett KDOT office, reminds drivers to obey the flaggers, reduce speed and, and “Give ‘Em a Brake!” at the work zone.

The preservation project is funded under the T-WORKS transportation program. Those with questions concerning the road work may contact Baldrige at (785) 448-

5446, or KDOT Southeast District Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen, 1-877-550-5368. For more information concerning T-WORKS projects visit the website, www.ksdot.org/tworks.

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