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## Southbound I-635 to Swartz Road Ramp to Close for Utility Work in Wyandotte County

Weather permitting, on Wednesday, January 2 and Thursday, January 3, the southbound I-635 exit ramp to Swartz Road in Wyandotte County will close for utility work. The ramp will be closed each day from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. This utility work is part of an installation project that began in July 2007 which includes the addition of new cameras and message boards along I-635.

This Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) enhancement project includes the addition of 12 cameras and two message boards that will become part of the Kansas City (KC) Scout traffic management system. The installation project work will take place along I-635 from I-35 to State Avenue. Installation work will occur primarily, Monday through Friday during daylight hours, with an occasional Saturday and/or evening hours included.

During the temporary ramp closure, drivers should expect delays and are advised to use alternate routes. The latest updated daily lane/ramp closure information for this installation project can be viewed online at: <a href="www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp">www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp</a>.

Custom Lighting Services (CLS) is the primary contractor for this installation project with a total contract cost of \$3 million. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is early summer 2008.

For more information on this installation project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager at (785) 640-9340, or Amy Pope, Bonner Springs Construction Engineer, at (913) 721-2754. For more information on the KC Scout traffic management system, please visit KC Scout online at <a href="https://www.kcscout.com">www.kcscout.com</a>.

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