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Repair Work to Begin on Northbound I-435 Bridge Over Parallel Parkway in Wyandotte County

Weather permitting, on **Monday, April 28**, repair work will begin on the northbound I-435 Bridge over Parallel Parkway in Wyandotte County. Northbound I-435 will be reduced to two lanes over the bridge during the duration of the project. **Varying ramp closures will also occur during the bridge repair project.** Crews will work daily Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Workers will first complete pavement repairs on the bridge deck surface. Then they will spread a thin layer of epoxy over the bridge deck and sprinkle small gravel on top. The process will be repeated to create two layers of the “polymer overlay.” The resurfacing project will seal the bridge deck and reduce penetration of de-icing salts that can speed the decay of steel in the deck. The new surface will also increase skid resistance.

Northbound I-435 traffic will be directed via signage through the project work zone. **The loop ramp from eastbound Parallel Parkway to northbound I-435 will remain closed throughout the duration of the project. A marked detour will direct traffic via 98th Street to Leavenworth Road back to northbound I-435.**

Also, on Monday, April 28, the ramp from northbound I-435 to westbound Parallel Parkway will be closed as traffic is shifted to the two inside lanes on I-435. A marked detour will direct traffic via northbound I-435 to Leavenworth Road to southbound I-435 back to westbound Parallel Parkway. The ramp will be closed until mid-June 2008.

Drivers should expect minor delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated daily lane and ramp closure information for this bridge repair project can be viewed online at:

www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

This information can be made available in alternative accessible formats upon request.
For information about obtaining an alternative format, contact the Bureau of Transportation Information, 700 SW Harrison St., 2nd Fl West, Topeka, KS 66603-3754 or phone 785-296-3585 (Voice) (TTY).

Progressive Contractors, Inc. is the primary contractor on this bridge repair project with a total contract cost of \$176,900. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is mid-summer 2008.

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 work zones. For more information on this bridge repair project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 296-3881, or Jim Wetterberg, Bonner Springs Construction Engineer, at (913) 721-2754.

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