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I-435 Resurfacing Project Set to Begin in Johnson County

At 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 3, a resurfacing project will begin on both northbound and southbound I-435 shoulders between Midland Drive and the Kansas River Bridge, including the ramps located on the north side of Midland Drive, Shawnee Mission Parkway, Johnson Drive and Holiday Drive in Johnson County. Overall project work includes a chip seal, ultra thin bonded overlay, and permanent pavement markings on this stretch of I-435.

Chip seal work will begin on **Thursday, May 3,** with one lane closed on both northbound and southbound I-435 during the daylight hours, Monday through Friday. In addition, there will be short-term ramp closures of 20-30 minutes per ramp during the chip seal application with no marked detours.

Then beginning on **Friday**, **May 11**, northbound and southbound I-435 will have two lanes closed in each direction between 7:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Monday through Friday with some occasional weekend work for completion of the overlay work. There will also be short-term ramp closures (approximately 2 hours per ramp) during the overlay work. Marked detours will be provided during these ramp closures.

Advance message boards will alert traffic to the lane and ramp closures. There will be a posted 60 mph speed limit during working hours throughout the project duration. Updated traffic information for this bridge repair project can be viewed online:

<u>www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp</u>. Drivers should expect some delays, especially during peak morning/evening rush hours, and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible.

APAC Kansas City (Kansas City, MO) is the primary contractor on this bridge repair project with a total contract cost of \$1.5 million. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is mid-June 2012, weather permitting.

This project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. Find out more about this and other T-WORKS projects at: http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/.

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. For more information on this resurfacing project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Amy Pope, Construction Manger, Bonner Springs at (913) 721-2754. (KDOT Project #435-46 KA 2767-01)

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