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I-70 & I-435 Closures Set to Reopen in Wyandotte County

Weather permitting, during **late afternoon on Saturday, September 12**, eastbound I-70 from 110th Street to 94th Street is scheduled to reopen to two lanes of traffic; and then during **late morning on Monday, September 14**, the eastbound I-70 to northbound I-435 ramp will reopen to all traffic in Wyandotte County. These reopenings are part of an ongoing I-70 pavement reconstruction project that began in early July 2009.

The ramp from northbound I-435 to eastbound I-70 (marked detour: north to State Avenue, back to southbound I-435, then to eastbound I-70) **is still closed**, and the ramps from State Avenue to eastbound I-70 and from southbound I-435 to eastbound I-70 **are still** reduced to one lane as part of the project closures. These ramps will reopen to all traffic sometime in late October 2009.

Advance message boards will alert traffic to project closures. During the project, I-70 will be reduced to one lane and various ramps in the I-70/I-435 interchange will be closed causing minor delays. Marked detours will be provided for associated ramp closures. Drivers should expect delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated daily project closure information can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

Crews will replace all roadway pavement on the eastbound and westbound I-70 mainline lanes from 110th Street east to 94th Street and associated ramps in Wyandotte County. Project work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, with some possible Saturday work. Eastbound I-70 was reduced to one lane round the clock beginning Monday, July 6, and was originally scheduled to reopen in November 2009. In 2010, reconstruction will begin on the westbound I-70 lanes with a scheduled completion date of late summer 2010.

J.M. Fahey Constructions is the primary contractor for this \$4.6 million pavement replacement project. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is late summer 2010.

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 pavement replacement 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.

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