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## Phase One Gateway Improvement Project Begins on I-35 in Johnson County

On **Monday**, **June 4**, an improvement project will begin on northbound and southbound I-35 from 119th Street to I-435 in Johnson County. This project will add additional lanes to northbound and southbound I-35 from 119th Street to I-435 and reconstruction of the ramps from southbound I-35 to 119th Street, 119th Street to northbound I-35, I-35 northbound to eastbound I-435, and eastbound I-435 to southbound I-35. Project work includes retaining wall and storm sewer installation, grading, concrete pavement placement, patching of existing concrete pavement and overlay work. Work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Saturday with some occasional overnight/weekend work.

On Monday/Friday, June 4-8 between 8:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. each day, varying overnight lane closures will begin on I-35 as crews set concrete barrier for construction work on the project. Three through lanes of traffic will be carried on both northbound and southbound I-35 throughout the project duration. There will be adjacent ramp closures during the project so crews can complete reconstruction work on the existing ramps. Traffic will be detoured via temporary ramps for the reconstruction work on the existing ramps. There will be no speed restrictions in the project work zone. I-35 will be restricted to an 11-foot lane width restriction through the work zone during the duration of the project.

In the spring of 2013, crews will place an ultra thin asphalt overlay on both northbound and southbound I-35 between 119th Street and the I-35 bridges over Pflumm Road and on all

adjacent ramps. Advance notification will be sent out under separate cover for the overlay work scheduled in the spring of 2013.

Advance message boards will alert drivers to any lane and ramp closures associated with the project. Drivers should expect minor delays during the peak hours. Updated daily traffic information for this improvement project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

APAC Kansas, Inc. – Kansas City Division (Kansas City, MO) is the primary contractor on this \$11.146 million improvement project. The I-35 improvement project is scheduled to be completed by mid-November 2012, except for the addition of an overlay on I-35 that will take place in the spring of 2013.

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/.

This I-35 improvement project, known also as the "Johnson County Gateway Yellow" Project," is one of several phased construction projects identified in the ultimate I-35/I-435/K-10 Johnson County Gateway Interchange Study that was completed in early 2011. To find out more about the additional phases of the I-35/I-435/K-10 Johnson County Gateway Interchange project, please visit the project website at: <a href="http://www.johnsoncountygateway.com">http://www.johnsoncountygateway.com</a>.

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 improvement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Howard Lubliner, Field Engineering Administrator, at (913) 764-4525. (KDOT Project #35 46 KA 1002-01)

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