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Westbound I-70 Pavement Replacement Project Closures Scheduled

Weather permitting, on **Monday, June 21 at 9:00 a.m.**, westbound I-70 from 110th Street east to 94th Street will be reduced to one lane only for the I-70 pavement replacement project in Wyandotte County. Currently westbound I-70 has two open lanes, one lane carries through traffic and the other is an exit only lane. On Monday, June 21, westbound I-70 will be channeled into only one open lane from which drivers will still be able to access the exit lane to northbound I-435. Westbound I-70 could reopen to two lanes of traffic possibly as early as the weekend of **June 26**, weather permitting. A separate notification will be sent out when westbound I-70 reopens to two lanes.

Immediately after westbound I-70 reopens to two lanes of traffic, the **westbound I-70 to southbound I-435 ramp** will close and will remain closed until mid- to late July. The **northbound I-435 to westbound I-70 ramp** which closed on Wednesday, May 5, will remain closed until mid- to late July. The **westbound I-70 to northbound I-435 ramp** is tentatively scheduled to close in mid- to late July and will remain closed throughout the duration of the project.

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

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

Crews will replace all roadway pavement on the westbound I-70 mainline lanes and associated ramps at the I-70 and I-435 interchange. Construction work on the eastbound I-70 lanes was completed

in November 2009. Project work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, with some possible Saturday work.

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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