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Traffic Updates for Westbound I-70 Pavement Replacement Project

Weather permitting, on **Friday, June 25**, crews will make traffic changes to the existing lane and ramp closures on westbound I-70 from 110th Street east to 94th Street for the I-70 pavement replacement project in Wyandotte County. **At 8:00 a.m. on Friday, June 25**, all access to northbound and southbound I-435 from westbound I-70 will be closed most of the day as crews work to reopen westbound I-70 to two lanes. By 8:00 p.m. that evening, crews plan to have westbound I-70 reopened to two lanes of traffic. Westbound I-70 was channeled into only one open lane of traffic on June 21.

At approximately 1:00 p.m. that same day, the **westbound I-70 to northbound I-435 ramp** will reopen to all traffic until mid- to late July when the ramp is then scheduled to close and remain closed throughout the duration of the project. The **westbound I-70 to southbound I-435 ramp** will not reopen 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.

Marked detours will be provided for the associated ramp closures. Advance message boards will alert traffic to lane and ramp closures. During the day on Friday, June 25, drivers should expect major 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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