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# TRAFFIC ALERT - UPDATE!

# FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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# Southbound I-435 at 87th Street

EXPECT MAJOR DELAYS! 24/7 LANE CLOSURES: Southbound I-435 at 87th Street will have the following lane closures for the week of June 2-6, weather permitting, for continued emergency pavement repair work on the right shoulder in Lenexa (Johnson County) as follows:

# Tuesday, June 3 - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 4

Southbound I-435 at 87th Street reduced to ONE OPEN LANE

# 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 4 - 5:00 a.m. Thursday, June 5

>> All lanes of southbound I-435 at 87th Street CLOSED overnight – **FULL CLOSURE** of **Southbound I-435** <<

#### 5:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 5

Southbound I-435 at 87th Street reduced to ONE OPEN LANE

## 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 5 - 5:00 a.m. Friday, June 6

>> All lanes of southbound I-435 at 87th Street CLOSED overnight – **FULL CLOSURE** of **Southbound I-435** <<

### 5:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday, June 6

Southbound I-435 at 87th Street reduced to ONE OPEN LANE

# 4:00 p.m. Friday, June 6 weather permitting

Southbound I-435 at 87th Street will be reduced to TWO OPEN LANES

During the overnight closures, traffic will detour off southbound I-435 at the 87th Street exit ramp and then back onto southbound I-435 using the 87th Street entrance ramp. Drivers should expect major delays during peak commute times and should plan accordingly. Local traffic may want to use alternate routes via the local street network to avoid the southbound I-435 delays.

Previous to this week, northbound and southbound I-435 over 87th Street were both already reduced to two open lanes for repair work on the 87th Street bridge. As part of the lane restrictions, traffic was shifted partly onto the right shoulders of both northbound and southbound I-435. Due to drainage and subgrade issues, the shoulder pavement on southbound I-435 only has not held up to the increased vehicle and heavy truck traffic. The **southbound I-435 right lane must remain closed** due to safety concerns for the traveling public and also for the safety of the crews who are completing the emergency pavement repair work on the right shoulder.

Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via signage and cones. Drivers should expect major delays during the daily peak time commutes.

Updated daily traffic information for this project and for the entire Kansas City Metro Area can be viewed online any time at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

The Kansas Department of Transportation and the Kansas Turnpike Authority urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" when approaching and driving through the project work zone.

The overall bridge project is scheduled to be completed in late August 2014, weather permitting. (KDOT Project #435-46 KA-3172-01)

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