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US-69 & 103rd Street Ramps Set to Close in Johnson County

Weather permitting, on Monday, February 22 at 9:00 a.m., the northbound entrance and exit ramps at the US-69 and 103rd Street interchange are scheduled to close for reconstruction and widening work on northbound US-69 in Johnson County. **On Wednesday, February 24 at 9:00 a.m., the southbound entrance and exit ramps at the US-69 and 103rd Street interchange are scheduled to close.** Northbound US-69 traffic will be shifted to the southbound side of the road on Monday, March 1. Project work includes: existing pavement removal, earth work, storm sewer installation, concrete pavement work, and retaining and noise wall installation.

Advance message boards will alert traffic to the ramp closures. Marked detours will be provided during the ramp closures. Updated daily lane and ramp closure information for this reconstruction pavement project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

US-69 project improvements include the rebuilding of Lenexa Drive from 84th Terrace to Farley, and the widening of northbound and southbound US-69 from two lanes to three lanes in each direction, from north of 103rd Street to I-35, as well as improvements to the US-69/95th Street interchange. New designated exit lanes for 75th Street will move traffic off of I-35 sooner and will utilize the existing tunnel that was constructed as part of the 87th Street/I-35 interchange project in Lenexa.

Clarkson Construction Company is the primary contractor on this \$82.3 million reconstruction project. **The US-69 and 103rd Street ramps are scheduled to be completed and reopened to all traffic in mid-November 2010.** The US-69 reconstruction project is scheduled to be completed in the fall 2011.

The US-69 reconstruction project is a cooperative effort, funded in part by the Kansas Department of Transportation, using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 funds, and the City of Overland Park.

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 reconstruction project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Brian Bosak, Olathe Construction Engineer, at (913) 764-4525.

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