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Construction to Begin on I-35 & Lone Elm Road Interchange Project in Johnson County

Weather permitting, on **Monday, April 28**, construction will begin for a new interchange located at I-35 and Lone Elm Road in Johnson County. The I-35 and Lone Elm Road interchange project, a cooperative project between the Kansas Department of Transportation and the City of Olathe, includes the construction of a new folded, or half diamond, interchange at 159th Street/Lone Elm Road and I-35 in Olathe. Lane closures will occur on both Lone Elm Road and I-35 throughout the duration of the project.

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the lane closures on both Lone Elm Road and I-35. All northbound and southbound lanes on Lone Elm Road will be closed from 151st Street to 167th Street throughout the duration of the project. A marked detour on local roadways will be provided for Lone Elm Road traffic. Local access to Lone Elm Road will be maintained for businesses and property owners. There will also be intermittent lane closures on both northbound and southbound I-35 throughout the project duration.

Updated daily lane/ramp closure information for this project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp. Drivers should expect minor delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible.

APAC-Kansas, Inc. is the primary contractor on this two-year, \$43 million construction project. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is mid-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 questions or additional information, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 296-3881 or Ruben Noguera, Field Engineering Administrator, at (913) 764-4525.

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