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## **Eastbound I-435 Overnight Closures Scheduled for Weekend of May 16-18 in Johnson County**

Weather permitting, on **Friday, May 16 through Sunday, May 18**, all eastbound lanes of I-435 at the US-69 interchange will close overnight for bridge construction work. Closures will include all eastbound lanes of I-435 from US-69 to Antioch Road, the ramp from eastbound I-435 to northbound US 69, and **the ramp from southbound US-69 to eastbound I-435**. All lane and ramps will close beginning on Friday, May 16, at 10:00 p.m. and will reopen to all traffic on Saturday, May 17 at 8:00 a.m., and then will close again beginning on Saturday, May 17 at 10:00 p.m. and will reopen to all traffic on Sunday, May 18 at 10:00 a.m. Project work is scheduled to be completed on Sunday, May 18, weather permitting.

Advance message boards will be set on Monday, May 12, to alert drivers to the lane closures. A marked detour will be provided. Eastbound I-435 traffic will detour south on US-69 to College Boulevard and then back north to I-435. Drivers should expect major delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated daily lane closure information for this project can be viewed online at: [www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp](http://www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp).

This work is part of the Focus435 four-year, \$127 million construction project that includes improvements to US-69, I-435, and Antioch Road in Johnson County. Clarkson Construction Company is the primary contractor on the Focus435 construction project. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is fall 2008.

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 project, please visit the Focus435 website at: [www.focus435.com](http://www.focus435.com) or contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 296-3881.

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