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Eastbound I-435 Overnight Lane Closures Scheduled for Week of May 12 in Johnson County

Weather permitting, during **the week of May 12**, all eastbound lanes of I-435 at the US-69 interchange will close overnight for bridge construction work. The eastbound I-435 lanes will close at 10:00 p.m. and will reopen to all traffic at 5:00 a.m. each day. Project work is scheduled to be completed in five days, weather permitting.

Advance message boards will alert traffic 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.

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 or contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 296-3881.

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