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Eastbound I-435 to Northbound US-69 Ramp Scheduled to Close in Johnson County

Weather permitting, **on Wednesday August 13 at 9:00 a.m.**, the eastbound I-435 to northbound US-69 ramp and associated collector/distributor lanes in Johnson County will close for reconstruction work. The reconstructed ramp is scheduled to reopen by late October 2008.

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the ramp closure. A marked detour will be provided. Traffic will detour on southbound US-69 to College Boulevard and then back to northbound US-69. Drivers should expect delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated daily lane/ramp closure information for this project can be viewed online at:

www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

This ramp reconstruction 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) 640-9340.

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