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### **Eastbound I-435 to Northbound US-69 Ramp in Johnson County to Reopen December 13**

During the evening on **Saturday, December 13**, the eastbound I-435 to northbound US-69 loop ramp in Johnson County is scheduled to reopen to all traffic, weather permitting. The loop ramp was closed in late summer 2008, so that a portion of the ramp itself could be reconstructed.

This is the last portion of the Focus435 construction project to be completed. Once the loop ramp opens tomorrow evening, all lanes and ramps associated with the entire Focus435 project will be open to all traffic. Landscaping and final touches related to the Focus435 project are scheduled to be completed by mid-summer 2009.

The reconstruction of this loop ramp is part of the Focus435 four-year, \$127 million project that began construction in 2005, which includes improvements to US-69, I-435, and Antioch Road in Johnson County. Clarkson Construction Company is the primary contractor on this four-year, \$127 million construction project.

For more information on this project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340 or Ruben Noguera, Field Engineering Administrator, at (913) 764-4525.

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