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I-35 Lane Closures Scheduled for Lone Elm Road Bridge Demolition in Johnson County

Weather permitting, beginning at **10:00 p.m. Friday, May 30**, both northbound and southbound I-35 will be closed from 151st Street to 175th Street for demolition work on the Lone Elm Road Bridge spanning I-35 in Johnson County. All lanes of both northbound and southbound I-35 will be closed completely from 10:00 p.m., Friday, May 30, through 8:00 a.m., Saturday, May 31. I-35 will then open to one lane of traffic each direction beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 31 and will reopen to all traffic at 5:00 a.m. on Monday, June 2.

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the lane closures on both Lone Elm Road and I-35. A marked detour will be provided. For I-35, traffic will detour on US-169 and 175th Street. Updated daily lane/ramp closure information for this project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp. Drivers should expect delays and are advised to use alternate routes.

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.

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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