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I-35 Ramp Closure Scheduled this Weekend for Resurfacing Work in Wyandotte County (August 22-25)

Weather permitting, beginning on **Friday, August 22 at 7:30 p.m.**, the ramp from Southwest Boulevard to southbound I-35 will be closed for concrete pavement patching work. The ramp closure will **begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, August 22, and will reopen to all traffic at 5:30 a.m. on Monday, August 25.**

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the ramp closure. No marked detours will be provided. During the ramp closure, drivers should expect major delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated daily lane/ramp closure information for this resurfacing project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

This ramp closure is part of a resurfacing project work that began in early May on both northbound and southbound I-35 from Southwest Boulevard in Wyandotte County to Antioch Road in Johnson County. Repair and resurfacing work is underway for all I-35 mainline lanes and all adjoining entrance and exit ramps.

Workers will first remove and fill broken pavement sections to smooth the surface and prevent moisture and debris from damaging the pavement. Then they will apply a two-inch layer of asphalt over the pavement which will smooth the road and fill cracks that can shorten pavement life. Once the asphalt overlay is complete, workers will then replace the permanent pavement markings on the roadway surface.

Realm Construction Inc. is the primary contractor with a total contract cost of \$2,708,374. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is late summer 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 resurfacing 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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