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I-35 Traffic Switch Scheduled for New Lone Elm Road Interchange in Johnson County

Weather permitting, on **Thursday, August 7 at 11:59 p.m.**, northbound I-35 traffic will be switched back to the northbound side of I-35 so that emergency repair work can be completed at the new I-35/Lone Elm Road interchange project in Johnson County. Northbound traffic had been moved to the southbound side of the road in late July. Once the emergency repair work is completed on Monday, August 11, northbound traffic will once again be switched back to the southbound side of I-35.

Northbound and southbound traffic on I-35 will be channeled through the project work zone via concrete barriers. Speed limits continue to be reduced through the project work zone and drivers must observe the posted speeds. Updated daily lane/ramp closure information for this project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

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 interchange 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) 640-9340 or Ruben Noguera, Field Engineering Administrator, at (913) 764-4525.

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