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### **I-35 at Lone Elm Road Overnight Closures Scheduled in Johnson County, March 13-19**

**UPDATE! The remaining I-35 overnight closures scheduled for Monday-Thursday, March 16-19, have been CANCELLED as crews were able to complete the work needed over the weekend.** Weather permitting, beginning on **Friday, March 13 at 10:00 p.m.**, northbound and southbound I-35 will be closed from US-56 in Gardner to US-169 in Olathe overnight for bridge girder erection work. Crews will erect girders for the new bridge at the I-35 and Lone Elm Road interchange project in Johnson County. The northbound/southbound I-35 closures will begin at **10:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13**, reopening to all traffic at **8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 14**; repeat beginning at **10:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 14**, reopening to all traffic at **10:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 15**; ~~again at 10:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, reopening to all traffic at 5:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17; again at 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, reopening to all traffic at 5:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18; and then again at 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, reopening to all traffic at 5:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 19.~~ **(Closures listed here are weather dependent, thus some of these overnight closures may not be needed if there are no delays in the project schedule).**

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the lane closures. Marked detours will be provided. Northbound I-35 traffic will proceed east on 175th Street to US-169, then north on US-169 to northbound I-35; southbound I-35 traffic will proceed west on 175<sup>th</sup> Street to US-169, then south on US-169 to southbound I-35. Drivers should expect major delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible. 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](http://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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