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I-35 at Lone Elm Road Repair Project Scheduled for this Weekend in Johnson County

Weather permitting, on **Thursday, August 7 at 10:00 p.m.**, northbound I-35 traffic will be reduced to one lane at Lone Elm Road for an emergency repair project. Northbound I-35 will be reduced to one lane so that crews can complete repair work on a drainage structure located at the new I-35 and Lone Elm Road interchange project in Johnson County. Project repair work is scheduled to be completed by **late afternoon, Monday, August 11.**

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the lane closure. 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.

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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