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I-35 Ramp Closures Scheduled this Weekend for Resurfacing Work in Wyandotte & Johnson Counties

Weather permitting, beginning on **Friday, June 27 at 7:30 p.m.**, the ramps from Lamar to northbound I-35, northbound I-35 to Lamar Avenue, southbound I-35 to Lamar Avenue, and from Lamar Avenue to southbound I-35 will close intermittently for pavement repair and resurfacing work. The weekend closures will also include the northbound and southbound right lanes on I-35 from Antioch Road to Southwest Boulevard. These lane/ramp closures will take place **beginning on Friday evening, June 27 at 7:30 p.m. and will reopen to all traffic on Monday morning, June 30 at 5:00 a.m.**

These lane/ramp closures are 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

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the intermittent ramp closures. No marked detours will be provided. During the lane/ramp closures, 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.

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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