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I-35 & I-435 Interchange Closures Scheduled for this Weekend in Johnson County

Weather permitting, on **Friday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m.**, lane and ramp closures will begin for a repair project at the I-35 and I-435 interchange in Johnson County. Northbound I-35 will be reduced to one lane from 119th Street to Pflumm Road and southbound I-35 will be reduced to one lane from 95th Street to just north of 119th Street. The ramps from southbound I-35 to eastbound and westbound I-435, and eastbound and westbound I-435 to southbound I-35 will also be closed for repair work. All lane and ramp closures will **begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 15, and will reopen to all traffic at 5:00 a.m. on Monday, August 18.**

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the lane and ramp closures. Marked detours will be provided for the ramp closures. During the closures, drivers should expect major delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated daily lane/ramp closure information for this repair project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

These closures are part of the resurfacing and repair projects taking place on I-35 at I-435 and the fly-over bridges/ramps at the I-35 and I-435 interchange that began in mid-July. Work for both projects is being coordinated during the same timeframe to help minimize overall traffic impacts.

Clarkson Construction Company, Inc. is the primary contractor with a total contract cost of \$525,000. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is late summer 2008, weather permitting.

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 repair 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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