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### **I-35 at I-435 Resurfacing Project in Johnson County Scheduled to Begin**

Weather permitting, on **Monday, July 7**, a resurfacing project will begin on I-35 from approximately .75 miles south of I-435 to .25 miles north of I-435 in Johnson County. I-35 will be reduced to one lane each direction during the project work hours. This resurfacing project is being coordinated with a repair project for the fly-over bridges/ramps at the I-435 and I-35 interchange during the same timeframe to help alleviate overall traffic impacts.

All project work will take place during evening and/or weekend closures only. Evening lane closures on I-35 will begin at 7:00 p.m. daily Monday through Thursday and will reopen to all traffic at 5:00 a.m. the following morning. Weekend lane closures on I-35 will start at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening and all lanes will reopen to traffic by 5:00 a.m. on Monday morning.

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the lane closures. No marked detours will be provided for the I-35 lane closures. During the temporary lane 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](http://www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp).

Workers will first patch existing pavement then mill out 2" of the existing pavement and replace it with a new wearing surface consisting of a concrete inlay. Next, they will grind the new pavement for smoothness and seal the pavement joints to prevent damage from moisture. Once the repairs are complete, workers will then replace the permanent pavement markings on the roadway surface.

Clark Construction Company, Inc. is the primary contractor with a total contract cost of \$2.5 million. 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) 296-3881, or Ruben Noguera, Field Engineering Administrator, at (913) 764-4525.

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