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Northbound & Southbound I-35 Lane Closures Scheduled for Resurfacing Work in Wyandotte & Johnson Counties

Weather permitting, beginning on **Wednesday, May 7**, both northbound and southbound I-35 from Southwest Boulevard in Wyandotte County to Antioch Road in Johnson County will be reduced to one lane each direction for a pavement repair and resurfacing project. Repair and resurfacing work will be completed on all I-35 mainline lanes and all adjoining entrance and exit ramps.

All project work will take place during evening and/or weekend closures only. Evening lane closures on I-35 will start at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening and all lanes will be reopened to traffic by 5:30 a.m. on Friday morning. Weekend lane closures on I-35 will start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening and all lanes will be reopened to traffic by 5:30 a.m. on Monday morning.

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the lane closures. No marked detours will be provided. 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.

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) 296-3881, or Ruben Noguera, Field Engineering Administrator, at (913) 764-4525.

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