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### **Ramp Closure Scheduled for Resurfacing Project on I-435 in Wyandotte County**

Weather permitting, on both **Friday May 9, and Tuesday, May 13**, the ramp from eastbound Leavenworth Road to southbound I-435 will be closed for resurfacing work. The ramp will be closed from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. This portion of the resurfacing project is scheduled to be completed on Tuesday, May 13, weather permitting.

A marked detour will be provided. Traffic will be detoured via the adjoining I-435 and Leavenworth Road interchange loop ramps. Drivers should expect minor delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible.

This work is part of an overall resurfacing project that was originally scheduled to begin on Tuesday, May 6, for both northbound and southbound I-435 from 98th Street to Leavenworth Road in Wyandotte County. The new start date for the entire project is now scheduled for Friday, May 9. Resurfacing work will occur on all mainline lanes as well as ramps and intersections along this section of I-435. Both northbound and southbound I-435 will have at least one lane closed at all times throughout the duration of the project. Up to two lanes of I-435 may be closed during non-peak hours. Non-peak closures will occur from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and again from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Crews will work daily, Monday through Saturday, with some occasional Sunday work.

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 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

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the existing pavement which will smooth the road and fill cracks that can shorten pavement life. Crews will then seal the new pavement by applying a 5/8" layer of asphalt over special asphalt "glue" that binds the new asphalt overlay to the old pavement. This type of overlay promotes drainage, reducing hydroplaning, wet weather spray, and skidding. Once the asphalt overlay is complete, workers will then replace the permanent pavement markings on the roadway surface.

O'Donnell & Sons Construction Company is the primary contractor for this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of \$ 8,547,074. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is early fall 2008.

KDOT 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 on this resurfacing project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 296-3881, or Amy Pope, Bonner Springs Construction Engineer, at (785) 721-2754.

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