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Repair Project to Resume on Northbound I-435 Bridge at Parallel Parkway in Wyandotte County

Weather permitting, on **Monday, July 14**, repair work will resume on the northbound I-435 Bridge over Parallel Parkway in Wyandotte County. Project work originally began on Monday, April 28, but was then suspended in early May to allow for a resurfacing project on I-435 to be completed. Crews will resume work daily Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Northbound I-435 will again be reduced to two lanes over the bridge throughout the duration of the project. Varying ramp closures will also occur during the bridge repair project. Northbound I-435 traffic will be directed via signage through the project work zone. The loop ramp from eastbound Parallel Parkway to northbound I-435 will reclose and remain so throughout the duration of the project. A marked detour will direct traffic via 98th Street to Leavenworth Road back to northbound I-435.

Drivers should expect minor delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated daily lane/ramp closure information for this project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

Workers will first complete pavement repairs on the bridge deck surface. Then they will spread a thin layer of epoxy over the bridge deck and sprinkle small gravel on top. The process will be repeated to create two layers of the "polymer overlay." The resurfacing project will seal the bridge deck and reduce penetration of de-icing salts that can speed the decay of steel in the deck. The new surface will also increase skid resistance.

Progressive Contractors, Inc. is the primary contractor on this bridge repair project with a total contract cost of \$176,900. 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 work zones. For more information on this bridge repair project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Jim Wetterberg, Bonner Springs Construction Engineer, at (913) 721-2754.

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