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Resurfacing Work Set to Begin on I-435 in Wyandotte County

Weather permitting, on **Tuesday, May 6**, a resurfacing project will begin on both northbound and southbound I-435 from 98th Street to Leavenworth Road in Wyandotte County. 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.

Traffic on I-435 will experience varying daily lane and ramp closures throughout the duration of the project. Ramp closures will take place only during the evening/weekend hours. During the temporary lane/ramp 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 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 and Sons 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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