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Southbound US-69 at 103rd Street Lane & Ramp Closures Scheduled this Week in Johnson County (September 17-19)

Weather permitting, beginning **on Wednesday, September 17**, all lanes of southbound US-69 at 103rd Street will close for bridge girder installation for the new southbound US-69 to eastbound I-435 flyover ramp. The ramps from westbound I-435 to southbound US-69, 103rd Street to southbound US-69, and from southbound US-69 to eastbound I-435 will also be closed. All lane and ramp closures will **begin at 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17, and will reopen to all traffic at 5:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 18; then will close again at 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 18 and will reopen to all traffic at 5:00 a.m. on Friday, September 19.**

Advance message boards will alert drivers to when the closures will occur, even in the event of rain. A marked detour will be provided. Traffic will detour on southbound I-35 to eastbound I-435 to southbound US-69. Drivers should expect 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.

Clarkson Construction Company is the primary contractor on this four-year, \$127 million construction project. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is fall 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 work zone. For more information on this project, please visit the Focus435 website at: www.focus435.com, or contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340 or Ruben Noguera, Field Engineering Administrator, at (913) 764-4525.

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