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US-69 & I-435 Reconstruction Project Completion Delayed to 2012

Completion work on the US-69 & I-435 improvement project stretching from 103rd Street north to I-35 in Johnson County has been delayed until summer 2012. The project has been delayed due to utility issues that interfered with roadway construction.

Work that still needs to be completed on the overall project includes work at the US-69/95th Street interchange as well as the new exit lanes from northbound I-35 to 75th Street. That work will connect the existing tunnel that was constructed as part of the 87th Street /I-35 interchange to the new tunnel that is being constructed under existing US-69.

Completed work on the project includes the rebuilding of Lenexa Drive from 84th Terrace to Farley, and the widening of northbound and southbound US-69 from two lanes to three lanes in each direction, from north of 103rd Street to I-35.

Crews will continue work during the winter months as weather permits. Updated daily traffic information for this project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

Clarkson Construction Company is the primary contractor on this \$82.3 million reconstruction project. **The entire US-69 reconstruction project is now scheduled to be completed in summer 2012.**

The US-69 reconstruction project is a cooperative effort, funded in part by the Kansas Department of Transportation, using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 funds, and the City of Overland Park.

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 reconstruction project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Burt Morey, Metro Engineer (Olathe), at (913) 764-4525.

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