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95th Street Over I-435 Bridge Repair Project to Begin in Johnson County

Weather permitting, on Monday, September 14 at 9:00 a.m., a bridge repair project will begin on the 95th Street bridge spanning I-435 in Johnson County. Work will take place daily during daylight hours throughout the project duration.

The bridge will be closed to all eastbound and westbound 95th Street traffic, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 14, and is scheduled to reopen to all traffic on Wednesday, November 18, weather permitting. Advance message boards will alert drivers to the bridge closure. A marked detour will be provided. Eastbound 95th Street traffic will be detoured via Renner Boulevard to 87th Street to Lackman Road. Westbound 95th Street traffic will be detoured via northbound I-435 to 87th Street to southbound I-435 to Renner Boulevard.

Drivers should expect delays and must find alternate routes during the duration of the project. Updated lane closure information for this bridge repair project can be viewed at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

Workers will first complete repairs on the bridge abutments, patch the bridge deck and then apply a silica fume overlay on the bridge deck. For the silica fume overlay application, workers will spread a thin layer of concrete over the patched bridge deck. 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.

PCI Roads is the primary contractor on this bridge repair project with a total contract cost of $938,146. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is mid-November 2009.

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 questions or additional information on this bridge repair project, please 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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