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Eastbound I-435 Bridge Repair Project Scheduled to Begin in Johnson County

Weather permitting, on Tuesday, September 30, a bridge repair project will begin for eastbound I-435 over Indian Creek (located between Antioch Road and US-69) in Johnson County. Crews will complete repairs to the bridge deck. Work may take place daily throughout the project duration.

Beginning on Tuesday, September 30 at 8:00 p.m., work will begin to set traffic control to reduce eastbound I-435 to two lanes. Eastbound traffic will be reduced to two open lanes by 5:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 1, and will remain so for approximately 14 consecutive days. This bridge repair project is scheduled to be completed by mid-October 2008.

Advance message boards will alert traffic to the lane closures. Traffic will be channeled through the project work zone via concrete barriers. No marked detours will be provided. Drivers should expect delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated daily lane closure information for this bridge repair project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

This project work is part of the Focus435 four-year, $127 million construction project that includes improvements to US-69, I-435, and Antioch Road in Johnson County. 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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