Gardner Road Over I-35 Bridge Closure Scheduled in Johnson County

Weather permitting, beginning on Friday, September 19, the Gardner Road over I-35 bridge will be completely closed to all traffic. The weekend closure is needed for placement of the concrete approach panels and polymer overlay application on the bridge deck. The bridge closure will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 19 and will reopen to all traffic at 5:00 a.m. on Wednesday September 24.

Marked detours will be provided.

Advance message boards will alert traffic to the bridge closure. Updated daily lane/ramp closure information for this project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

This weekend closure is the final phase of a project that began in mid-June 2008. Project work included replacement of the existing bridge rails, pavement patching, and placement of a polymer overlay on the bridge deck. For the final phase, workers will spread a thin layer of epoxy over the bridge deck and sprinkle small gravel on top. The process will be repeated to create two layers of the “polymer overlay.” 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.

Comanche Construction, Inc. is the primary contractor on this bridge repair project with a total contract cost of $384,000. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is late summer 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 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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