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I-35 Ramp Closure Scheduled this Weekend for Resurfacing Work in Johnson/Wyandotte County (September 19-20)

Weather permitting, beginning on Friday, September 19 at 7:30 p.m., the ramp from northbound I-35 to 18th Street Expressway will close for approximately 12 hours for repair work in Johnson/Wyandotte County. Once the northbound I-35 ramp is completed and reopened to all traffic, the southbound I-35 to 18th Street Expressway ramp will then close for approximately 12 hours for repair work. This portion of the project work is scheduled to be completed on Saturday, September 20, weather permitting.

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the ramp closure. No marked detours will be provided. During the ramp closure, drivers should expect minor delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible.

Updated daily lane/ramp closure information for this resurfacing project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

This ramp closure is part of a resurfacing project work that began in early May on both northbound and southbound I-35 from Southwest Boulevard in Wyandotte County to Antioch Road in Johnson County. Repair and resurfacing work is underway for all I-35 mainline lanes and all adjoining entrance and exit ramps.

Realm Construction Inc. is the primary contractor with a total contract cost of $2,708,374. 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 more information on this resurfacing 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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