I-35 at Lone Elm Road Lane Closures Scheduled in Johnson County, February 27-March 1

Weather permitting, beginning on Friday, February 27 at 10:00 p.m., northbound I-35 will be closed from US-56 in Gardner to US-169 in Olathe overnight for bridge girder erection work. Crews will erect girders for the new bridge at the I-35 and Lone Elm Road interchange project in Johnson County. The northbound I-35 closures will begin at 10:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27, reopening to all traffic at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 28; and then begin again at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 28, reopening to all traffic at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 1.

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the lane closures. Marked detours will be provided via US-169 and 175th Street. Drivers should expect major delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated daily lane/ramp closure information for this project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

The I-35 and Lone Elm Road interchange project, a cooperative project between the Kansas Department of Transportation and the City of Olathe, includes the construction of a new folded, or half diamond, interchange at 159th Street/Lone Elm Road and I-35 in Olathe. Lane closures will occur on both Lone Elm Road and I-35 throughout the duration of the project.

APAC-Kansas, Inc. is the primary contractor on this two-year, $43 million construction project. The scheduled completion date for the entire interchange project is mid-summer 2010.

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, 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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