

TRAFFIC ALERT

Kansas Department of Transportation Traffic Alert

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For Tuesday, June 29 – Mid-August 2010 in Johnson & Wyandotte Counties

I-35 & I-435

Beginning on Tuesday, June 29 through mid-August, a pilot car operation, including one semitrailer transporting one oversized beam per load and several pilot cars, will travel north on I-35 from Ottawa in Franklin County to westbound I-435 in Johnson County, north to their final destination at the new Wizards Stadium, which is currently under construction on the Kansas Speedway grounds in Wyandotte County.

This is a pilot car operation which includes several pilot cars as well as one oversized semitrailer. The pilot car procession leaves Ottawa around 8:15 a.m. and arrives at the truck scale weigh station on northbound I-35 around 9:00-9:15 a.m. From there, the procession then moves north to the northbound I-35 to westbound I-435 ramp (Exit 222B). Once at the ramp, the pilot crew must manually maneuver the semitrailer through the ramp which takes approximately 2-5 minutes creating very minor traffic delays. The procession then merges onto westbound I-435 and heads north. Then at approximately 10:00 a.m. the procession reaches their final destination for delivery of the beam to the Wizards Stadium construction site located on the grounds of the Kansas Speedway in Kansas City.

Crews are scheduled to deliver one beam per day, daily Monday through Friday, weather permitting. There are a total of 21 beams to be delivered. Drivers are asked to be patient and take it slow when travelling near the vehicle procession.

The completed delivery date for all beams is mid-August 2010, weather permitting.

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