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I-435 & I-70 Ramp Closures Scheduled in Wyandotte County (September 18-20)

Weather permitting, on Thursday, September 18 and Friday, September 19, varying ramp closures at the I-435 and I-70 interchange will occur for resurfacing work. The ramps will intermittently close beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 18 and will reopen at 6:00 a.m. on Friday, September 19; then close again at 7:00 p.m., Friday, September 19 and will reopen to all traffic at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 20.

Advance message boards will alert traffic to the ramp closures. Marked detours will be provided for all ramp closures. Drivers should expect 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/lane-close.asp.

This work is part of an overall resurfacing project that began on Friday, May 9, for both northbound and southbound I-435 from 98th Street to Leavenworth Road in Wyandotte County. Resurfacing work will occur on all mainline lanes as well as ramps and intersections along this section of I-435. Both northbound and southbound I-435 will have at least one lane closed at all times throughout the duration of the project. Up to two lanes of I-435 may be closed during non-peak hours. Non-peak closures will occur from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and again from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Crews will work daily, Monday through Saturday, with some occasional Sunday work.

O’Donnell & Sons Construction Company is the primary contractor for this resurfacing project with a total contract cost of $8,547,074. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is early fall 2008.

KDOT 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 resurfacing project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Amy Pope, Bonner Springs Construction Engineer, at (785) 721-2754.

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