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I-435 Over Mill Creek Bridge Repair Project to Begin in Johnson County

On **Thursday, July 5**, repair and overlay work will begin on the northbound and southbound I-435 bridges over Mill Creek in Johnson County. Project work includes: pavement patching, mill and overlay on the bridge deck, abutment repairs, and new approach pavement. Work will take place daily, Monday through Friday during daylight hours.

Beginning on **Thursday, July 5 at 8:00 a.m.**, northbound and southbound I-435 will be reduced to two 11-foot lanes (only one lane will be closed) from approximately a half-mile north/south of the respective bridges and over the bridges themselves throughout the project duration. Traffic will be directed through the project via concrete barrier and signage. A 60 mph speed limit will be posted through the project work zone.

Also, beginning on Thursday, July 5, the Midland Drive to southbound I-435 ramp will be closed and will remain closed throughout the project. A marked detour will be provided. Traffic will detour north on I-435 to Shawnee Mission Parkway then utilize the loop ramps at the interchange (northbound to westbound then westbound to southbound) to head back to southbound I-435 to exit at Midland Drive. The northbound I-435 to Midland Drive ramp will be closed during phase two of the project for approximately two months sometime later this fall. This additional traffic impact for the project will be provided under separate notification in advance of the planned closure.

Advance message boards will alert traffic to the lane and ramp closures. Updated traffic information for this bridge repair project can be viewed online:

www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp. Drivers should expect some delays, especially during peak morning/evening rush hours, and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible.

Comanche Construction Inc. (Shawnee Mission, KS) is the primary contractor on this bridge repair project with a total contract cost of \$1.659 million. **The scheduled completion date for the entire project is December 2012, weather permitting.**

This project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. Find out more about this and other T-WORKS projects at:

<http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/>.

For more information on this bridge repair project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Amy Pope, Construction Engineer, Bonner Springs at (913) 721-2754. (*KDOT Project #435-105 KA 2258-01*)

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