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I-70 & I-435 Ramp Closures Scheduled to Begin in Wyandotte County

Weather permitting, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 3, the ramps from northbound I-435 to eastbound I-70 (marked detour: north to State Avenue, back to southbound I-435, then to eastbound I-70), eastbound I-70 to northbound I-435 (marked detour: east to 78th Street, then back to westbound I-70 to northbound I-435), and the ramps from State Avenue to eastbound I-70 and from southbound I-435 to eastbound I-70 will be reduced to one lane for pavement reconstruction work in Wyandotte County. The ramps will reopen to all traffic sometime in late October 2009.

Advance message boards will alert traffic to lane and ramp closures. During the project, I-70 will be reduced to one lane and various ramps in the I-70/I-435 interchange will be closed causing minor delays. Marked detours will be provided for associated ramp closures. Drivers should expect delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated daily lane and ramp closure information for this pavement replacement project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

Crews will replace all roadway pavement on the eastbound and westbound I-70 mainline lanes from 110th Street east to 94th Street and associated ramps in Wyandotte County. Project work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, with some possible Saturday work. Eastbound I-70 was reduced to one lane round the clock beginning Monday, July 6. Eastbound I-70 lanes will be reconstructed first with a scheduled completion date of November 2009. Then in 2010, reconstruction will begin on the westbound I-70 lanes with a scheduled completion date of late summer 2010.

J.M. Fahey Constructions is the primary contractor for this $4.6 million pavement replacement project. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is late 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 more information on this pavement replacement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Amy Pope, Bonner Springs Construction Engineer, at (913) 721-2754. ###

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