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Johnson Drive at I-435 Bridge Repair Project Set to Begin in Johnson County

Weather permitting, **on Monday April 11**, a repair project will begin on the Johnson Drive bridge spanning I-435 in Johnson County. Project work will include a mill, patch and overlay of the bridge deck, joint repairs and painting of the structural steel underneath the bridge deck.

Beginning on **Monday, April 11 at 9:00 a.m.**, eastbound and westbound Johnson Drive will be placed side by side, one lane in each direction on the side of the bridge that is not under repair (westbound side will be repaired first followed by the eastbound side). Also, eastbound Johnson Drive to southbound I-435 turn movement will be restricted during morning and afternoon rush hours (6:00-8:00 a.m. and 4:00-6:00 p.m.) throughout the project duration. A marked detour will be provided.

During the bridge painting of the structural steel, which is also scheduled to begin on **Monday, April 11**, work will require varying lane closures which will reduce northbound or southbound I-435 to one open lane at a time (two lanes will be closed). The lane reductions will take place overnight between 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. Ramps will remain open throughout the project duration. No marked detours will be provided.

Advance message boards will alert traffic to the lane closures. Drivers should expect delays and allow extra time for their daily commutes. Updated daily lane closure information for this bridge repair project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

Comanche Construction is the prime contractor on this \$1.09 million bridge repair project. Project work is scheduled to be completed in mid-July 2011.

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 bridge repair 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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