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Lenexa Drive Closure Extended for US-69 Project Work in Johnson County

In late summer 2009, construction work began on Lenexa Drive in Johnson County as part of the US-69 reconstruction project. The Lenexa Drive portion of the project was originally scheduled to be completed in late 2009. However, due to utility issues, the Lenexa Drive reconstruction work is now scheduled to be completed in late summer 2010.

Lenexa Drive reconstruction work includes earthwork, asphalt pavement, storm sewer pipe and inlets, installation of concrete curb and gutter, pavement markings, retaining walls and street lights. Updated daily lane and ramp closure information for this reconstruction project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

The US-69 reconstruction project includes the complete rebuilding of US-69 from north of 103rd Street to I-35 in Johnson County. Project improvements include the rebuilding of Lenexa Drive from 84th Terrace to Farley, and the widening of northbound and southbound US-69 from two lanes to three lanes in each direction, from north of 103rd Street to I-35, as well as improvements to the US-69/95th Street interchange. New designated exit lanes for 75th Street will move traffic off of I-35 sooner and will utilize the existing tunnel that was constructed as part of the 87th Street/I-35 interchange project in Lenexa.

Clarkson Construction Company is the primary contractor on this \$82.3 million reconstruction project. The US-69 reconstruction project is scheduled to be completed in the fall 2011.

The US-69 reconstruction project is a cooperative effort, funded in part by the Kansas Department of Transportation, using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 funds, and the City of Overland Park.

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 the US-69 reconstruction project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340 or Ruben Noguera, Field Engineering Administrator, at (913) 764-4525.

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