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Major Closures Scheduled for Southbound US-69 in Johnson County

Weather permitting, beginning at 10:00 p.m. on Friday, July 17, all lanes of southbound US-69 will close from I-35 to I-435 in Johnson County for drainage installation work. In addition the following ramps will be closed beginning at 9:00 p.m. on Friday, July 17: entrance ramps to southbound US-69 from 87th Street and 95th Street; exit ramps from southbound US-69 to 95th Street, 103rd Street, westbound I-435, and eastbound I-435. The southbound US-69 ramp closures will begin at 9:00 p.m. and lane closures will begin at 10:00 p.m. on Friday, July 17, and all will reopen to traffic at 5:00 a.m. on Monday, July 20. In advance of the lane and ramp closures mentioned above, at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, July 17, the southbound right lane on US-69 will close from I-35 to 91st Street and the southbound US-69 left lane will close at 95th Street for the moving in of equipment.

Then, beginning at 5:00 a.m. on Monday, July 20, southbound US-69 will reopen to only one lane of traffic (left lane will be closed) from I-35 to I-435 for resurfacing work. This US-69 lane closure will run continuously round the clock for 10 days through Wednesday evening, July 29, when southbound US-69 will reopen to two lanes of traffic.

Advance message boards will alert traffic to the lane and ramp closures. A marked detour will be provided. Traffic will detour on southbound I-35 to eastbound I-435 back to southbound US-69. Drivers should expect major delays and are advised to use alternate routes. Updated daily lane and ramp closure information for this reconstruction pavement 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 this pavement repair 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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