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### **Project Work Begins on Woodend Road & I-435 Interchange in Wyandotte County**

**On Monday, March 29**, project work began for widening and reconstruction work on Woodend Road at I-435 as well as on the I-435 interchange ramps in Wyandotte County. The Woodend Road and northbound I-435 ramps will close beginning **on Monday, April 5 at 9:00 a.m.** The southbound I-435 and Woodend Road ramps will close **on Tuesday, April 13 at 9:00 a.m.** Both sets of ramps will remain closed to all traffic for approximately two weeks.

Marked detours will be provided. Drivers will access I-435 via 98th or 88th Streets to K-32, then back to I-435. Traffic will be carried through Woodend Road during the duration of the project, but will be restricted to a lane width of 10.5-feet to 11-feet. When widening work is conducted on the north side of the project, the north lane (westbound) will be 10.5-feet and the south lane (eastbound) will be 11-feet. When work switches to the project's south side, the north lane (westbound) will be 11-feet and the south lane (eastbound) will be 10.5-feet.

Advance message boards will alert traffic to lane and ramp closures. Drivers should expect minor delays and are encouraged to use alternate routes during project-related closures, if possible. Updated daily lane and ramp closure information for this reconstruction project can be viewed online at: [www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp](http://www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp).

Amino Brothers is the primary contractor on this reconstruction project with a total contract cost of \$1.35 million. This project is being funded in part by 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The scheduled completion date for the entire project is late fall 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 project work zones. For more information on this reconstruction 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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