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**Repair Work Scheduled for Westbound I-435 in Johnson County**

Weather permitting, beginning Wednesday, December 19, through Friday, December 21, there will be lane and ramp closures on westbound I-435 from Pflumm Road to 95th Street for an emergency repair project. Project work includes pavement repair and overlay on westbound I-435 mainline lanes and ramps which were damaged due to recent winter storms. Repair work will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day, Wednesday through Friday. Project work will be completed and westbound I-435 will be open to all traffic by 4:30 p.m., on Friday, December 21.

During the temporary lane and ramp closures, traffic will follow marked detours on 119th and 95th Streets. Drivers should expect major delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible. The latest updated daily lane and ramp closure information for this repair project can be viewed online at: [www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp](http://www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp).

O'Donnell & Sons is the primary contractor on this $335,000.00 pavement repair project. Project work on eastbound I-435 will take place in early January 2008; a separate news release will be issued at a later date. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is early 2008.

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 work zone. For questions or additional information, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 296-3881 or Ruben Noguera, Field Engineering Administrator, at (913) 764-4525.

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