May 27, 2011

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

News Contact: Kimberly Qualls, (785) 640-9340 or kqualls@ksdot.org
Ruben Noguera, (913) 764-4525 or ruben@ksdot.org

Repairs to Begin on I-435 & I-35 Interchange Ramp Bridges

Weather permitting, on Tuesday, May 31, a repair project will begin on two ramp bridges located at the I-435 and I-35 interchange in Johnson County. Project work includes the painting of the structural steel and concrete surface repair of the piers on the ramp bridges from eastbound I-435 to northbound I-35 and from westbound I-435 to southbound I-35.

Beginning on Thursday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m., the ramps from northbound I-35 to westbound I-435 and from southbound I-35 to eastbound I-435 will close, reopening to all traffic at 5:30 a.m. on Friday, June 10. These ramps will then close again at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 11, reopening to all traffic at 5:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 12; and close again Monday night, June 13 through Thursday night, June 17 between 7:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. each day. These closures are needed for the painting of the structural steel for the two ramp bridges.

Marked detours will be provided. See the attached maps for designated detour routes. Drivers should expect some delays during these closures and must use alternate routes. Updated daily traffic information for this repair project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

Comanche Construction is the primary contractor on this $1.496 million ramp bridge repair project. The entire repair project is scheduled to be completed by late 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 ramp bridge 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.

###