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Southbound US-69 to Eastbound I-435 Overnight Ramp Closure Scheduled for Johnson County

Weather permitting, on Thursday, April 3, at 9:00 p.m., the southbound US-69 to eastbound I-435 ramp will close for bridge girder erection work. The ramp will close Thursday, April 3, at 9:00 p.m. and will reopen to all traffic on Friday, April 4, at 5:00 a.m.

A marked detour will be provided. Southbound US-69 traffic will detour to College Boulevard, then north on US-69 to the eastbound I-435 ramp. Drivers should expect minor delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible. The latest updated daily lane closure information for the Focus435 project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

Clarkson Construction Company is the primary contractor on this four-year, $127 million construction project. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is fall 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 more information on this project, please visit the Focus435 website at www.focus435.com. 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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