Traffic Shift Scheduled for Northbound US-69 in Johnson County

Weather permitting, on Wednesday, March 10 at 9:00 a.m., final preparations will begin to shift northbound US-69 traffic from 103rd Street to 87th Street to the southbound side of the existing US-69 roadway. The traffic switch is needed so that crews can begin construction work to replace the existing northbound US-69 pavement. Once the traffic shift is complete, both northbound and southbound US-69 will reopen to two lanes of traffic each direction on the existing southbound side of US-69.

Advance message boards will alert traffic to the lane closures. **Northbound US-69 will be reduced to one lane from 103rd Street to I-35 beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 10 and will reopen to all traffic at 5:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 11.** There will be alternating lane closures on northbound US-69 from 9:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10. Then at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10 the northbound US-69 right lane will close and will reopen to all traffic at 5:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 11. The southbound US-69 right lane from I-35 to 103rd Street will be closed on Wednesday, March 10 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. for the setting of temporary barrier. Updated daily lane and ramp closure information for this reconstruction pavement project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.
US-69 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 reconstruction project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Brian Bosak, Olathe Construction Engineer, at (913) 764-4525.

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