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I-635 over State Avenue Bridge Deck Replacement Project to Begin in Wyandotte County - UPDATE!

On Wednesday, July 10, weather permitting, a two phase deck replacement project will begin on the northbound and southbound I-635 Bridges over State Avenue in Kansas City, KS (Wyandotte County). Work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, with some occasional Saturday work.

Phase one construction begins on Wednesday, July 10, and at this time northbound and southbound I-635 will be reduced to two open lanes and the westbound State Avenue to southbound I-635 ramp will be closed. Also during phase one, the eastbound State Avenue to northbound I-635 ramp will be closed, though this ramp will remain closed throughout the duration of the project. All other phase one construction is expected to be completed in late September 2013, weather permitting.

Marked detours will be provided for the phase one ramp closures. Westbound State Avenue to southbound I-635 ramp detour: traffic will take northbound I-635 to Parallel Parkway exit then back to southbound I-635. Eastbound State Avenue to northbound I-635 ramp detour: traffic will take 38th Street south to eastbound I-70 then back to northbound I-635.
Eastbound and westbound State Avenue traffic will have varying daily lane closures which could include several overnight full closures of the roadway for the deck removal work. Advance separate notification will be sent for these overnight closures.

Advance message boards will alert traffic to the lane and ramp closures. Traffic will be directed via concrete barrier, signs and cones through the project work zone. Drivers should expect minimal delays and must use alternate routes during the ramp closures.

Updated traffic information for this bridge deck replacement project can be viewed online: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

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.

Phillips Grading and Construction, Inc. (Columbia, MO) is the primary contractor on this bridge deck replacement project with a total contract cost of $2.0 million. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is early December 2013, weather permitting.

This project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. Find out more about this and other T-WORKS projects at: http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/.

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