Traffic Updates for K-7 & 55th Street/Johnson Drive Interchange Project

Weather permitting, on Thursday/Friday, June 16-17, new traffic changes are scheduled to take place on the K-7 and 55th Street/Johnson Drive interchange project in Johnson County. The traffic changes that are scheduled to occur are as follows:

- On Thursday, June 16, after morning rush hour (weather permitting), access from northbound and southbound K-7 to Clear Creek Parkway on the west side of K-7 will be closed to all traffic. Utility work as well as construction work will begin on the new bridge that will span over K-7 at Clear Creek Parkway.

- UPDATE! The following traffic changes took place TODAY, Thursday, June 16, at approximately 1:00 p.m., a day earlier than originally scheduled. On Friday June 16, before morning rush hour (weather permitting), 55th Street will be reopened is NOW OPEN to traffic for all through eastbound and westbound movements from 55th Street to Johnson Drive. Also, access from northbound K-7 to westbound 55th Street and from 55th Street/Johnson Driver to southbound K-7 is NOW OPEN will be opened to all traffic at the same time. If there is any wet weather that occurs on Thursday, June 16, the 55th Street traffic changes will shift to sometime during the day on Friday, June 17, and will not be in place before morning rush hour.
Advance message boards will alert drivers to these traffic changes. Updated traffic information for this project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp. Project detour route map can be viewed online at: http://www.ksdot.org/kcMetro/pdf/2011-03DetourMap_FINAL.pdf.

The interchange project includes construction of a roundabout to merge the K-7 on- and off-ramps with 55th Street/Johnson Drive and a second roundabout will be constructed west of K-7 at the intersection of Hedge Lane Terrace and 55th Street, which are now completed. Also included with the project are the construction of a side-road overpass at Clear Creek Parkway and K-7 and the already completed construction of Hedge Lane Terrace from 55th Street south to Clear Creek Parkway. When the interchange project is completed, 55th Street/Johnson Drive will run under K-7.

Miles Excavating, Inc. (Basehor, KS) is the primary contractor on the interchange project with a total contract cost of $21.4 million. The K-7 and 55th Street/Johnson Drive interchange project is a cooperative effort, funded in part by the Kansas Department of Transportation and the City of Shawnee. The entire K-7 and 55th Street/Johnson Drive interchange project is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 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 project information, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Amy Pope, Bonner Springs Construction Engineer, at (913) 721-2754.

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