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Weekend Lane & Ramp Closures Scheduled for Quivira Road & I-435 Interchange in Johnson County

Weather permitting, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 30, the entrance ramp from Quivira Road to eastbound I-435 will be closed for preparation work for staging equipment and materials for the weekend’s work. At 7:00 p.m. that evening, all lanes of eastbound I-435 will be closed from I-35 to US-69. Subsequent ramp closures that will also occur during the weekend include northbound and southbound I-35 to eastbound I-435, eastbound I-435 to Quivira Road entrance and exit ramps, and eastbound I-435 to northbound and southbound US-69 ramps. All lane and ramp closures will reopen to traffic at 5:00 a.m. on Monday morning, October 3.

Followed by the next weekend (weather permitting), beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 7, the entrance ramp from Quivira Road to westbound I-435 will be closed for preparation work for staging equipment and materials for the weekend’s work. At 7:00 p.m. that evening, all lanes of westbound I-435 will be closed from US-69 to I-35. Subsequent ramp closures that will also occur during the weekend include northbound and southbound US-69 to westbound I-435, westbound I-435 to Quivira Road entrance and exit ramps, and westbound I-435 to northbound and southbound I-35 ramps. All lane and ramp closures will reopen to traffic at 5:00 a.m. on Monday morning, October 10.

Advance message boards will alert traffic to the lane and ramp closures. A marked detour will be provided for both weekend closures. Eastbound I-435 will detour via northbound
I-35 to eastbound 87th Street to southbound US-69 to eastbound I-435. Westbound I-435 traffic will detour via northbound US-69 to westbound 87th Street to southbound I-35 to westbound I-435. **Two suggested alternate routes that drivers can utilize during the westbound I-435 weekend closures are:** 1) westbound I-435 to southbound US-69 to westbound 119th Street to northbound I-35 back to westbound I-435; or 2) westbound I-435 to northbound US-69 to westbound 87th Street to westbound I-435. **These will not be marked (signed) detours.** **Drivers should expect MAJOR DELAYS and will need to use alternate routes during the lane and ramp closures.** Updated daily traffic information for this project can be viewed online at: [www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp](http://www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp).


This phase of the US-69 & I-435 improvements in Johnson County is part of KDOT’s T-WORKS program and the selection of this project was announced in February 2011. US-69 is a top priority for the City of Overland Park and they will contribute $8 million toward project construction. The estimated construction cost for the project is $102 million with an estimated economic impact, or benefit of $779 million. Clarkson Construction is the primary contractor on this improvement project. The entire project is scheduled to be completed in late 2013, weather permitting.

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 improvement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Ruben Noguera, Field Engineering Administrator, at (913) 764-4525.

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