US-69 & I-435 Closures Scheduled in Johnson County (October 9 & 10-13)

Weather permitting, on Thursday, October 9, the ramps from northbound US-69 to westbound I-435 and from westbound I-435 to southbound US-69 (including the collector/distributor lanes between the two ramps) will be closed between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. for the day only in Johnson County for equipment staging work. Then on Friday, October 10, these same ramps and all of northbound US-69 from just north of College Boulevard to I-435 will be closed for bridge ramp girder erection work. The lane and ramp closures will begin at 9:00 p.m. on Friday, October 10, and will reopen to all traffic at 5:00 a.m. on Monday, October 13.

No marked detours will be provided. Drivers should expect delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated daily lane and ramp closure information for this specific closure and/or the entire Focus435 project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

This project work is part of the Focus435 four-year, $127 million construction project that includes improvements to US-69, I-435, and Antioch Road in Johnson County. Clarkson Construction Company is the primary contractor on this four-year, $127 million construction project. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is late 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, or 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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