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Weekend Lane & Ramp Closures RESCHEDULED for Westbound I-435 at Quivira Road Construction Project

The planned closure of westbound I-435 the weekend of Oct. 7-10 for construction work taking place near the Quivira Road interchange has been postponed a week.

“We have decided to reschedule this weekend’s closures to accommodate the many race fans who will be traveling to the weekend-long NASCAR races at the Kansas Speedway,” said Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Deputy Secretary Jerry Younger.


“Balancing construction schedules and traffic impacts is a challenge, especially at this time of year when rainy weather can cause a loss in working days,” said Deputy Secretary Younger.

“Even though ideal weather is forecast for this weekend, we decided it is more important to make sure that the expected heavy traffic this weekend moves as efficiently as possible on our highways.”
Weather permitting, beginning at **9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 14**, 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 same 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 17.**

Advance message boards will alert traffic to the lane and ramp closures. **Drivers should expect MAJOR DELAYS and will need to use alternate routes during the lane and ramp closures.** A marked detour will be provided. Please see the map below for the marked detour and suggested alternate routes. 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.

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, which will contribute $8 million to the project. The estimated construction cost for the project is $102 million with an estimated economic impact of $779 million. Clarkson Construction is the primary contractor on this improvement project. The entire project is scheduled to be completed in late 2013.

KDOT 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.

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