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Westbound I-435 at US-69 Lane & Ramp Closures Rescheduled in Johnson County for July 15

Weather permitting, on Tuesday, July 15 at 9:00 a.m., the ramps from northbound US-69 to westbound I-435, from westbound I-435 to southbound US-69, and the associated collector/distributor lanes from westbound I-435 at US-69 will be closed for bridge girder installation for the new southbound US-69 to eastbound I-435 flyover ramp. The ramp and lane closures on I-435 will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will reopen to all traffic the same day at 3:30 p.m.

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the closures. Marked detours will be provided for the lane and ramp closures. Drivers should expect delays and are advised to use alternate routes, if possible. Updated daily lane/ramp closure information can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

Clarkson Construction Company is the primary contractor on this four-year, $127 million construction project. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is 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.

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