Westbound I-435 at US-69 Lane & Ramp Closures Scheduled in Johnson County for July 18-20

Weather permitting, on Friday, July 18 through Sunday, July 20, all lanes of westbound I-435 at US-69, the ramps from northbound US-69 to westbound I-435 and 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 9:30 p.m. on Friday, July 18, and will reopen to all traffic at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 19; then will close again at 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 19, and will reopen to all traffic at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 20.

In the event of rain on Friday/Saturday, these same ramp and lane closures will be rescheduled to occur on Monday, July 21 through Wednesday, July 23. If rescheduled, the ramp and lane closures will begin at 9:30 p.m. on Monday, July 21, and will reopen to all traffic at 5:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 22; then will close again at 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22, and will reopen to all traffic at 5:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 23. A traffic alert notice will be sent out if the ramp and lane closures are rescheduled for these dates.

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the closures. Marked detours will be provided. 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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