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Short-term Ramp Closures Scheduled for I-435 & US-69 in Johnson County

Weather permitting, on Wednesday, June 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the ramps from westbound I-435 to US-69 and from northbound US-69 to westbound I-435 will be closed. The westbound I-435 to US-69 ramp will be closed for relocation of the temporary ramp entrance to the newly constructed ramp. The new ramp entrance will be located to the east of the temporary ramp near Antioch Road. The northbound US-69 to westbound I-435 ramp will be closed for work on the ramp.

Advance message boards will alert drivers to the ramp closures. Marked detours will be provided for both ramp closures. For the westbound I-435 to US-69 ramp closure, northbound US-69 traffic will continue west on I-435 to northbound I-35; southbound US-69 traffic will continue west on I-435 to the Quivira Road interchange and then return east on I-435 to the southbound ramp to US-69. For the northbound US-69 to westbound I-435 ramp closure, northbound US-69 traffic wishing to head west on I-435 will continue to the 103rd Street interchange and return south on US-69 to the westbound ramp to I-435.

Drivers should expect minor 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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