I-35 Pavement Replacement Project in Johnson County

Project Scope. On Monday, March 16, 2015, a pavement replacement project will begin on a two-mile stretch of northbound and southbound I-35 from just north of 151st Street to just north of Santa Fe/135th Street in Olathe (Johnson County). The overall project is scheduled to be completed in early December 2015.

Project Work. Includes replacement of the existing concrete pavement and sub-base in-kind with the same number of lanes and pavement and shoulder width that exists today. Repair work will also be completed on the I-35 bridges over the Burlington Northern Railroad tracks and Sheridan Street as well as the Old U.S. 56 entrance ramp bridge over I-35. Work will take place during daylight hours (sunrise to sunset), Monday-Friday, with some occasional Saturday work.

Construction work will be completed in two phases. Each phase will take approximately four months to complete. During the weeks of March 16-30, crews will begin project work by setting traffic control followed by construction of median crossovers located at either end of the project. Traffic impacts include lane reductions on I-35 and the closure of the Santa Fe/135th Street to southbound I-35 entrance ramp throughout the project duration. Santa Fe/135th Street to southbound I-35 ramp traffic can detour via southbound Mur-Len Road to westbound 151st Street to access I-35 or northbound Ridgeview Road to eastbound 119th Street to access I-35. Lane and ramp closures are tentatively scheduled to begin sometime on or around Monday, March 30.

Phase One. All I-35 traffic will be carried on the existing northbound lanes separated by concrete barrier while the southbound lanes are reconstructed. During this phase, the southbound I-35 to Old U.S. 56 exit ramp will be closed. Southbound I-35 to Old U.S. 56 ramp traffic will detour via the U.S. 169/K-7 exit then north on K-7 to Old U.S. 56. Approximate timeframe for completion of Phase One work is April-July 2015, weather permitting. See detour map below for Phase One closures.
**Phase Two.** All I-35 traffic will be carried on the newly completed southbound lanes separated by concrete barrier while the northbound lanes are reconstructed. During this phase, the ramps from Old U.S. 56 to northbound I-35 and northbound I-35 to Santa Fe/135th Street will be closed. Old US-56 to northbound I-35 ramp traffic can detour via northbound K-7 to eastbound K-10 to access I-35 or via southbound K-7 to the 151st Street/I-35 Interchange. Northbound I-35 to Santa Fe/135th Street ramp traffic can detour via eastbound 151st Street to northbound Mur-Len Road to access Santa Fe/135th Street or via westbound 119th Street to southbound Ridgeview Road to access Santa Fe/135th Street or via eastbound 119th Street to southbound Strang Line Road to access Santa Fe/135th Street. Approximate timeframe for completion of Phase Two work is **August-December 2015**, weather permitting. See detour map below for Phase Two closures.

![Detour Map](image)

There will be a 55 mph posted speed limit through the work zone throughout the project duration. Drivers should expect delays, must use alternate routes and should allow extra time for their daily commutes. Updated daily traffic information for this project and for the entire Kansas City Metro Area can be viewed at: [www.KSdot.org/kcmetro/laneClose.asp](http://www.KSdot.org/kcmetro/laneClose.asp).

The ramp closures are being utilized to allow the project to be completed in one construction season as opposed to two, thus reducing the overall traffic impacts to the traveling public. The project plans provide a safe and efficient work zone for travelers by limiting on and off access within the work zone. This also provides the contractor an efficient and safe workspace to complete the aggressive amount of project work in a timely and cost-effective manner.

For questions or more information on this I-35 pavement replacement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Joshua Welge, Field Engineering Administrator, at (913) 764-4525.

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