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# Shawnee Mission Parkway over I-35 Bridge Repair & Resurfacing Project in Merriam (Johnson County)

On **Monday, March 13**, weather permitting, a City of Merriam local bridge repair and resurfacing project will begin on Shawnee Mission Parkway over I-35 from Mastin Street/Pioneer Crossing Park (west end) to Ikea Way (east end) in Merriam (Johnson County). Project work includes bridge deck patching and resurfacing, bridge painting, and pavement repair on the bridge approach slabs. In addition, crews will complete

work on Carter Avenue underneath the Shawnee Mission Parkway bridge. Work will take place daily, Monday through Friday, during daylight hours (7 a.m.-6 p.m.).

Beginning on **Monday, March 13**, eastbound and westbound Shawnee Mission Parkway over the I-35 bridge will be reduced to two open lanes in both directions, 24/7 round the clock, throughout the project duration. There will be an 11-foot width restriction on the Shawnee Mission Parkway bridge lanes over Carter Avenue. In addition, Carter Avenue will experience minor delays via a flagger operation when bridge painting work takes place.

Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via barricades, signage and cones. Drivers should expect major delays during peak time commutes and may wish to use alternate routes throughout the project duration.

Updated daily traffic information for this project and the entire Kansas City Metro Area can be viewed online at: [www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp](http://www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp).

The Kansas Department of Transportation and the City of Merriam urge all motorists to be alert, take it slow, obey the warning signs, and “Give ‘Em a Brake!” when approaching and driving through the project work zone.

Comanche Construction Inc. (Shawnee Mission, KS) is the primary contractor on this \$2.426 million project. **The entire project is scheduled to be completed in mid-August 2017, weather permitting.**

For more information on this project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas KDOT Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Dan Harper, KDOT Construction Engineer, at (913) 764-4525; [dan.haper@ks.gov](mailto:dan.haper@ks.gov). (KDOT Project #46 N 0632-01)

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