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## **I-435 & Roe Avenue Diverging Diamond Interchange Project Set to Begin**

On **Friday, April 25**, construction work for a new diverging diamond interchange will begin at the existing I-435 and Roe Avenue interchange in Johnson County. Project work includes replacing the existing diamond interchange with a new diverging diamond style interchange, along with reconstruction of the Roe Avenue bridges. Work will take place during daylight hours, Monday through Friday, with occasional weekend work.

Beginning on **Friday, April 25 and through the first two weeks of May**, project work will include the setting of traffic control, grading work for the eastbound I-435 collector-distributor ramp lane crossover, and drilling investigative core holes for the new bridge piers.

There will be periodic lane closures on both I-435 and the collector-distributor system for this early project work. Traffic will be directed through the project work zone via cones and signage. Updated daily traffic information for this interchange project can be viewed online at: [www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp](http://www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp).

Please click on the following link for information on the interchange construction project phasing, schedule and potential traffic impacts:

<http://www.ksdot.org/kcMetro/pdf/I-435%20&%20Roe%20Avenue%20Diverging%20Diamond%20Interchange%20Public%20Open%20House%20Handout%20-%20March%202014.pdf>

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 project work zone.

The Roe Avenue Bridge over I-435 was built in 1970, and due to its age, has been identified for replacement as part of KDOT’s T-WORKS transportation program. In order to complete construction as quickly as possible, the Roe Avenue Bridge will be closed to all through traffic while the interchange improvements are made. This portion of the project is planned to be completed in 4-5 months and is tentatively scheduled for mid-May through mid-October 2014, weather permitting.

Roe Avenue bridge demolition work is scheduled for one weekend some time in May 2014 with a full closure of I-435 overnight during that same weekend. Advance notification will be sent out under separate cover for the bridge demolition work.

When the project is completed, this will be Kansas’ second diverging diamond interchange. In late October 2013, the Kansas Department of Transportation opened its first diverging diamond interchange at I-35 and Homestead Lane in southern Johnson County.

Clarkson Construction Company (Kansas City, MO) is the primary contractor on this \$9.5 million interchange project. **The entire project is scheduled to be completed by late November 2014, weather permitting.**

This project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. Find out more about this and other T-WORKS projects at: <http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/>.

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