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Overnight Weekend Demolition Set for Quivira Road & I-435 Interchange Bridges

Weather permitting, beginning at **7:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 3**, all eastbound and westbound lanes of I-435 from I-35 to US-69 will be closed to traffic, along with numerous ramp closures, for the demolition of two of the three Quivira Road over I-435 interchange bridges in Overland Park (Johnson County). The Quivira Road bridges will be demolished via implosion at approximately 10:00 p.m. that evening. The existing bridges will collapse onto a bed of dirt so as to cushion the fall onto the existing I-435 roadway. Crews will then spend the remainder of the overnight closure removing the imploded bridge debris and cleaning up the I-435 roadway. Construction for the new bridges will take place during the 2012 construction season.

The scheduled lane and ramp closures for the Quivira Road bridge demolition work will occur as follows. **All lane and ramp closures will reopen to traffic by 2:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, March 4.**

At **7:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 3**, the following closures will occur:

- Four left lanes of eastbound I-435 before I-35
- Two right lanes of eastbound I-435 at Quivira Road
- Three left lanes of westbound I-435 at ramp to US-69
- Right lane of westbound I-435 at Quivira Road
- Northbound and southbound I-35 to eastbound I-435 ramps

- Northbound and southbound US-69 to westbound I-435 ramps
- Antioch Road to westbound I-435 ramp

At **8:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 3**, the following closures will occur:

- All lanes of eastbound I-435 at I-35
- All lanes of westbound I-435 at ramp to northbound US-69

Note: All lanes of Quivira Road over I-435 will be closed for a short time during the demolition of the bridges for approximately 40 minutes.

Advance message boards will alert traffic to the lane and ramp closures. Drivers should expect **MAJOR DELAYS** and will need to use alternate routes during the lane and ramp closures. A marked detour will be provided. Eastbound I-435 traffic will detour via northbound I-35 to eastbound 87th Street to southbound US-69 back to eastbound I-435. Westbound I-435 traffic will detour via northbound US-69 to westbound 87th Street to southbound I-35 back to westbound I-435. Updated daily traffic information for this project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

Planned improvements for the I-435 & US-69 Red Project will add auxiliary lanes to I-435 between US-69 and Quivira Road. These improvements will help address congestion at the I-435 and US-69 interchange. Project work includes: construction of southbound collector-distributor road network along US-69 between 103rd Street and 119th Street, widening work on eastbound and westbound I-435, and construction of collector-distributor road network along I-435 between I-35 and US-69. Interchange improvements will be completed at I-435 & Quivira Road, I-435 & US-69, US-69 & College Boulevard, and US-69 & 119th Street.

This phase of the US-69 & I-435 improvements in Johnson County is part of KDOT's T-WORKS program and the selection of this project was announced in February 2011. The estimated construction cost for the project is \$102 million with an estimated economic impact, or benefit of \$779 million.

Clarkson Construction is the primary contractor on this improvement project. The entire project is scheduled to be completed in late 2013, weather permitting.

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. For more information on this improvement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340 or Howard Lubliner, Field Engineering Administrator, at (913) 764-0987.

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