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Several I-35 Interchange Repair Projects to Begin in Johnson County

Weather permitting, **on Tuesday, May 31**, several repair projects are scheduled to begin on I-35 in Johnson County, including curb repair/replacement at the I-35/US-56/Shawnee Mission Parkway interchange, and repair work on the brick slopes located at the I-35/Johnson Drive and I-35/67th Street interchanges. Project work will take place primarily during daylight hours on weekdays, Monday through Friday.

US-56/Shawnee Mission Parkway will have varying lane and shoulder closures during the project, though two lanes in each direction will remain open to all traffic throughout the project duration. Work will not be allowed during the peak commute times from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and again from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A 35 mph speed limit will be in place throughout the project work zone on US-56/Shawnee Mission Parkway.

Repair work at the I-35/Johnson Drive and I-35/67th Street interchanges will include closures of the shoulders only. No ramp closures will occur at either of these interchanges. Drivers may encounter minor delays only. Updated daily traffic information for these projects can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

Julius Kaaz Construction is the primary contractor on this \$169,564 improvement project. The entire pavement repair project is scheduled to be completed by mid-July 2011.

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 these repair projects, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Ruben Noguera, Field Engineering Administrator, at (913) 764-4525.

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