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Southbound US-69 & 95th Street Interchange Ramps Set to Close

Weather permitting, **on Tuesday, March 1 at approximately 9:00 a.m.**, the southbound US-69 and 95th Street interchange on- and off-ramps will close for reconstruction work on southbound US-69 through late November 2011. In addition, eastbound and westbound 95th Street will be reduced to one lane in each direction from Switzer Road to Blue Jacket for bridge and resurfacing work through November 2011. **(The ramp closure date has been moved from Monday, February 28 to Tuesday, March 1 due to forecasted winter weather.)**

Project work includes grading, storm sewer installation, bridge rehab, and new concrete pavement. Advance message boards will alert traffic to the lane and ramp closures. A marked detour will be provided for the ramp closures. Drivers will need to use alternate routes during the ramp closures. Updated daily traffic information for this project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

US-69 project improvements include the rebuilding of Lenexa Drive from 84th Terrace to Farley, and the widening of northbound and southbound US-69 from two lanes to three lanes in each direction, from north of 103rd Street to I-35, as well as improvements to the US-69/95th Street interchange. New designated exit lanes for 75th Street will move traffic off of I-35 sooner and will utilize the existing tunnel that was constructed as part of the 87th Street/I-35 interchange project in Lenexa.

Clarkson Construction Company is the primary contractor on this \$82.3 million reconstruction project. The entire US-69 reconstruction project is scheduled to be completed in the fall 2011.

The US-69 reconstruction project is a cooperative effort, funded in part by the Kansas Department of Transportation, using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 funds, and the City of Overland Park.

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 reconstruction project, 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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