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US-69/18th Street Ramp to I-35 will Close on Saturday, October 27

A pavement repair project that began on US-69/18th Street in Wyandotte County on Thursday, October 18, will close the ramp from US-69/18th Street to I-70 this Saturday, October 27. The ramp will close at 7:00 a.m. and will reopen to all traffic at 7:00 p.m. the same day.

The project work includes pavement patching and joint repairs on US-69/18th Street from I-35 to Merriam Lane. Work will take place daily, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on US-69/18th Street.

US-69/18th Street will be reduced to one lane each direction during the repair project. Traffic will be directed via signage and/or message boards. Additional ramp closures may be scheduled to complete work during the project. Drivers should expect some minor delays of up to 15 minutes and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible.

The latest updated daily lane and ramp closure information for this repair project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

Realm Const, Inc. is the primary contractor for this \$375,000 repair project. The entire project is scheduled to be completed by early December 2007.

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 work zone. For more information on this bridge repair project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 296-3881 or Amy Pope, Bonner Springs Construction Engineer, at (785) 721-2754.

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