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Westbound I-435 to Southbound US-69 Loop Ramp Reopens in Johnson County

On Friday, November 9, the Kansas Department of Transportation will reopen the westbound I-435 to southbound US-69 loop ramp in Johnson County. The ramp was closed for construction improvements at the I-435 and US-69 interchange. Also on Friday, as a result of the loop ramp reopening, traffic pattern switches will occur for westbound I-435 to both northbound and southbound US-69 movements. On Thursday, November 8, traffic pattern switches will also occur for northbound US-69 to westbound I-435 traffic.

These changes are part of the Focus435 four-year, \$127 million construction project that includes improvements to US-69, I-435, and Antioch Road in Johnson County. Clarkson Construction Company is the primary contractor on the Focus435 construction project. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is fall 2008.

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 project, please visit the Focus435 website at: www.focus435.com or contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 296-3881 or Ruben Noguera, Field Engineering Administrator, at (913) 764-4525.

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