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Rebuilt I-70 lanes in Western Kansas officially opened

State officials this afternoon cut the ribbon to officially open reconstructed I-70 in far western Kansas.

The event at the eastbound Travel Information Center west of Goodland marked the completion of the three-year project to rebuild both east and westbound lanes of I-70 from the Colorado border to a point 12 miles into Kansas. Koss Construction Co., of Topeka, was the prime contractor for the \$48 million project.

"Interstate 70 is an important highway, not just for Sherman County and the state of Kansas – but for the entire nation," said Kansas Transportation Secretary and Director of the Turnpike Mike King. "It spans nearly coast to coast and carries hundreds of thousands of vehicles and moves hundreds of millions of dollars in commerce every day."

In addition to Secretary King, speakers included President/C.E.O. of Koss Construction David Howard, State Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer, and State Rep. Ward Cassidy

This I-70 reconstruction project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May of 2010.



Crews with Koss Construction are pictured paving the eastbound lanes earlier this year.

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