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Public Open House Scheduled for US-77 Improvements Project

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is holding a public open house to exhibit the proposed improvements on US-77 from just south of I-70 to N. Junction US-77/K-57. The public meeting will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28 at the Junction City Middle School (700 Wildcat Lane).

This will be an open house meeting with no formal presentation. The open house style format will allow area residents, businesses, and commuters to review project information, maps, and provide comments anytime during the evening. KDOT staff, along with consultant team members, will be on hand to answer questions and discuss issues and/or concerns.

In order to prioritize possible improvements for this eight-mile segment of US-77, KDOT has worked with a Task Force of local community leaders to gain insight to the needs of US-77. These improvements will address congestion by adding capacity to the roadway, and increase safety by constructing intersection and interchange improvements and/or portions of a 4-lane expressway.

The project team will use a combination of safety, engineering, task force and public input to prioritize improvements and determine the best use of the construction funds. Debbie Tanking, KDOT's project manager, explains, "Although \$40 million is a significant investment, that's not enough funding to make all improvements suggested along the corridor. We have to figure out how to get the most improvement possible for US-77 within the budget." After prioritizing improvements, the design process will begin. The display materials at the open house will show the sections of US-77 with the greatest need for improvement and the selected improvement in that area, and will include parts of K-18 and Spring Valley Road. Construction is targeted to begin in November 2016.

For the latest information on the US-77 project, go to the “projects” tab of the T-WORKS website, select Geary from the county dropdown box, and click “go”. Select the US-77 Expansion Project at the top of the list; the project information sheet is a PDF in the right column of the US-77 project profile page.

If you require a sign-language interpreter or other communication aids at the meeting, please call Josh Powers, KDOT Public Involvement Liaison at (785) 296-6580 at least one week in advance of the meeting.

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