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Interchange at K-10 and Bob Billings Parkway Finds Support for Pedestrian and Bike Paths

Douglas County Commissioners recently agreed to allocate \$100,000 toward the inclusion of pedestrian and bike paths for a proposed interchange at the intersection of K-10 and Bob Billings Parkway on the west side of Lawrence. These funds will join an additional \$100,000 previously committed by the City of Lawrence, and will be used to pay for the rerouting and extension of existing pedestrian and bike facilities at the proposed interchange.

The interchange at Bob Billings Parkway is contingent upon the adoption of a tolling option for the completion of the K-10 South Lawrence Trafficway (SLT), consisting of six miles of four-lane freeway from US-59 to existing K-10 east of Lawrence in Douglas County. The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is awaiting the results of a phone survey of residents in Douglas, Johnson, and Shawnee counties that seeks input on possible tolling options and their effect on driving habits. Tolling is being considered as one approach to help finance the SLT project.

Construction of the SLT is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2013.

For more information on the SLT, as well as a list of all expansion and modernization projects, please visit the T-WORKS website: <http://www.ksdot.org/tworks>, or contact Joshua Powers, Public Involvement Liaison, at (785) 296-6580 or via cell at (816) 718-6300.

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