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### **KDOT & City of Topeka to Host Public Information Open House for 29th & Fairlawn Road Intersection Improvement Project**

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and the City of Topeka are hosting a public information open house for the 29th Street and Fairlawn Road intersection improvement project on **Thursday, August 13, in the commons area at French Middle School, 5257 SW 33rd Street, in Topeka.** The public is invited to stop by the open house anytime between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Parking is available in both the front and backing parking lots at the school.

We invite anyone interested in learning about the project to come and view project displays for construction phasing and potential traffic impacts, as well as watch a computer simulation model that shows how traffic will flow through the intersection once all project improvements are completed. KDOT, City of Topeka, and consultant staff will be on hand to answer questions about the project.

The intersection improvement project includes the reconstruction of the 29th Street and Fairlawn Road intersection along with improvements to adjoining I-470 entrance/exit ramps. Improvements include the addition of a new dedicated right turn lane on the westbound I-470 to Fairlawn Road exit ramp, complete reconstruction of the 29th Street to westbound I-470 entrance ramp, construction of two new designated lanes to carry traffic from eastbound 29th Street to southbound Fairlawn Road and two new designated lanes to carry traffic from the westbound I-470 exit ramp to 29th Street, and the installation of additional traffic signals at the I-470 ramps to 29th Street and Fairlawn Road.

Graybeal Construction Co. Inc., is the primary contractor on this \$2.1 million intersection improvement project. Project construction is scheduled to begin in late August 2009 with a tentative completion date of fall 2010. The 29th Street and Fairlawn Road intersection improvement project is a cooperative effort, funded in part by the KDOT, the City of Topeka, and Shawnee County.

If you are in need of a sign language interpreter, an assistive listening device, large print or Braille material, or other accommodations to attend this meeting, please notify Kimberly Qualls at (785) 296-3881 at least one week prior to the meeting. Requests may also be addressed to the Kansas Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Information, 700 SW Harrison Street, 2nd Floor West, Topeka, Kansas 66603-3754 or phone (785) 296-3585 (Voice)/Hearing Impaired – 711.

For more information on the 29th Street and Fairlawn Road intersection improvement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340.

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