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KDOT to Suspend Work on US-24 Corridor Management Plan in Topeka-Shawnee County

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has decided to suspend work on the US-24 Corridor Management Plan in north Topeka (Shawnee County). This US-24 Corridor Management planning process has been underway for nearly four years and consensus has yet to be reached regarding the future overall vision for the highway corridor. KDOT has therefore determined it would be prudent to step back from the planning process for a period of time, as opposed to moving forward without a clear vision. With that said, KDOT is willing to resume the planning process in the future when there is greater consensus and understanding among the study plan partners.

With suspension of the planning process, a Phase II “Summary of Interim Findings” will be published to document the work that has taken place to date during Phase II project work. Once completed, the summary report will be posted at www.ksdot.org/projects.asp.

In early 2011, KDOT, in partnership with the City of Topeka, the Topeka Metropolitan Planning Organization and Shawnee County, hosted a public open house to begin Phase II work for the US-24 Corridor Management Plan in Topeka/Shawnee County. The Phase II planning process was to include and build on information that

came out of Phase I which was completed in July of 2009. Recommendations included in Phase I were to be revisited and Phase II proposed improvements will be vetted through a comprehensive public involvement process. Phase II of the US-24 Corridor Management Plan included an east to west area on US-24 from K-4 to Menoken Road and a north to south area of 25th Street to Lyman Road.

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