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Public Meeting Scheduled for I-70 Topeka Polk-Quincy Viaduct Study

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and the City of Topeka are hosting a Public Meeting on Tuesday, September 28 for the I-70 Topeka Polk-Quincy Viaduct Study. KDOT and the City will host this public meeting to provide updates on the study, including a presentation on the three alternatives currently under consideration for the future I-70 study area, and discussion on an above- or below-grade option.

The Public Meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28 at the City of Topeka Offices located in the Holliday Building at 620 SE Madison in Topeka. At the public meeting, the project team will present updates on the study, including 1) issues regarding the current viaduct and the goals for the study; 2) the three alternatives selected by the Project Advisory Committee for further review; and 3) discussion on an above- or below-grade option for the study area. A formal presentation will be given on these study items, followed by a question and answer session.

The I-70 Polk-Quincy Viaduct Study partners include KDOT, the City of Topeka and the Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization. The study team members are working together to determine the future of the 3,800-foot long bridge located in downtown Topeka as well as potential changes to I-70 from the MacVicar Avenue interchange to the Adams Street interchange. After more than 50 years, the condition of the Polk-Quincy Viaduct has deteriorated, traffic volumes have increased, highway design criteria have changed and the area around the viaduct has undergone new development and redevelopment.

Phase I of the study began in 2009, involving residents, community leaders and stakeholders to assess the needs and possible solutions for I-70 within the study area. During

Phase I, the study team is charged with identifying a location and design concept on which to base future design work.

The study team, with the assistance of the Project Advisory Committee, has identified three alternatives to improve traffic flow and safety. Phase I is expected to be completed by the end of this year. During Phase II of the study, engineers will conduct preliminary work to add detail to the location and design concept identified in Phase I.

For more information, check out a project-specific website for the study at <http://I70PolkQuincy.ksdot.org>. The website offers valuable information about the study, including study background, answers to frequently asked questions, current news, and ways that anyone interested in the study can get involved and stay informed. If you require a sign-language interpreter or other communication aids at the meeting, please call Kimberly Qualls, KDOT Public Affairs Manager at (785) 296-3881 at least three days in advance of the meeting.

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