

The logo features the text "I-70 TOPEKA" in green, followed by a blue graphic of a viaduct with three pillars and a curved top. Below this, the text "Polk-Quincy Viaduct Study" is written in a larger, bold font, with "Polk-Quincy" in blue and "Viaduct Study" in green.

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**Polk-Quincy Viaduct Study**

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## **Public Open House & Online Meeting Scheduled for I-70 Topeka Polk-Quincy Viaduct Study**

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and the City of Topeka are hosting two opportunities for public input on the I-70 Topeka Polk-Quincy Viaduct Study on Wednesday, April 28. KDOT and the City will host an online meeting and a public open house to provide updated study information and present three alternatives for public input.

**Online Meeting:** The online meeting will take place from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28. Participants will view a presentation and will be able to submit questions and comments. Participants need to register in advance and must have access to a computer with an Internet connection. Participants will see the same presentation that will be presented at the Public Open House all from the convenience of using their own computer.

Registering for the online meeting is easy. Participants will register online at <http://kdot.inetcommunicator.net/>. Registrants will receive a confirmation e-mail with all the necessary information needed for the day of the online meeting. If participants encounter any problems registering or logging into the online meeting, they can contact Web Meet Live Support at (503) 232-0824. Participants will need to log-in a few minutes before 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28 at <http://kdot.inetcommunicator.net/>.

**Public Open House:** The Public Open House is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28 at the City of Topeka Offices located in the Holliday Building at 620 SE Madison in Topeka. Both the online meeting and public open house will allow participants to review: 1) issues regarding the current viaduct and the goals for the project; and 2) the three alternatives selected by the Project Advisory Committee for further review. Attendees will be

able to provide their input regarding the advantages and disadvantages of each of the three alternatives.

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 middle 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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