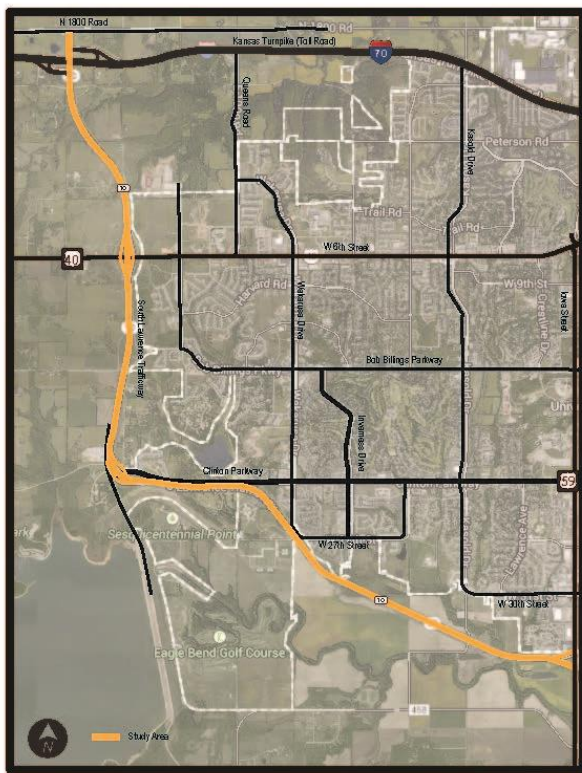


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KDOT Initiates Concept Study to Four-lane K-10 West Leg SLT

The Kansas Department of Transportation has initiated a Concept Study to identify a preferred four-lane access controlled freeway concept for the K-10 West Leg of the South Lawrence Trafficway from North 1800 Road to Iowa Street in Lawrence (Douglas County). KDOT is looking to add an additional lane in each direction of K-10 and eliminate the existing at-grade intersections. The study will evaluate various alternatives for new or modified interchange access to the

expanded highway in order to improve traffic flow and safety.

The study kicked off in late August with traffic data collection and is expected to last 18 months. A recommended alternative will be selected in early 2016. The study will assess existing and future traffic and safety needs on this section of K-10. The purpose of this study is to:

- Provide a corridor solution that is safe and meets demand and driver expectations.

- Evaluate interchange and intersection locations through the corridor to provide safe and efficient access with consideration for the local street network.
- Re-evaluate the environmental impacts associated with the preferred alternative.

“This section of K-10 has always been planned as a four-lane roadway and with the completion of the East Leg of the K-10 SLT and additional development in this area, KDOT needs to evaluate improvements in order to keep people moving safely and efficiently,” said KDOT Public Affairs Manager Kimberly Qualls.

The study will include traffic and safety analysis, highway conceptual design evaluation, evaluation of impacts to adjacent and crossing waterways, bridge concept design and evaluation, environmental impact evaluation, and public involvement. Currently, funding for construction has not been identified.

As part of the initial data collection, KDOT is soliciting public input through an online survey. KDOT wants to understand the public needs and concerns regarding the K-10 West Leg. The survey can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K10WestlegPublicInput> and will be available for public input through Friday, November 21, 2014.

There will be additional opportunities for public engagement during the 18-month study, including two public information open house meetings and a second online survey. The study will also include a Technical Advisory Group comprised of city and county staff and other project partners to collaborate at key milestones.

KDOT has selected engineering consultant, HNTB Corporation of Overland Park, Kan., to complete the study.

For additional information on the K-10 West Leg SLT study, please contact Northeast Kansas KDOT Public Affairs Manager Kimberly Qualls at 785-640-9340 or kqualls@ksdot.org

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