



#K10SLT West Leg

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K-10 SLT West Leg Study Update: SEIS Process to Begin Next Spring

In order to keep local stakeholders and the public informed, the Kansas Department of Transportation would like to provide an update on the status of the K-10 South Lawrence Trafficway West Leg Study in Lawrence (Douglas County).

After listening to public comments and stakeholder input on the K-10 West Leg Study and alternatives for improvement to the I-70/K-10/Farmer's Turnpike Interchange and adjacent roadways, KDOT has spent the past several months reviewing options for moving forward and discussing what is in the best interest of the K-10 corridor in serving transportation needs across the region. Preferred Access Alternatives and local road improvements have been a part of these ongoing discussions.

KDOT has decided to re-evaluate the K-10 corridor and the I-70/K-10/Farmer's Turnpike interchange through a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). The SEIS will fully evaluate and document the impacts and benefits that alternatives will have on the surrounding area throughout the study process. The SEIS will also allow KDOT to gather additional input from the public and local stakeholders.

The SEIS process will begin sometime spring 2017 and is expected to take approximately three years to complete. Throughout the process, KDOT will engage the community through stakeholder and public meetings/workshops to provide updates and gather input. KDOT will also continue to work with local public officials so that they are

aware of modifications, new alternatives and potential implications of these on the community.

As a reminder, there is currently no funding for construction of any long-term improvements, but KDOT desires to continue with the design process so that when funding becomes available, construction can move forward.

We appreciate your input and encourage you to stay engaged as the study moves forward and the SEIS process begins. If you would like to receive updates, meeting notices and related information via email on the K-10 SLT West Leg Study, please send your email address to kimberly.qualls@ks.gov.

For more information on the K-10 SLT West Leg Study, please visit the study online at: <http://www.ksdot.org/bureaus/TopekaMetro/projectstudytest.asp>

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