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Environmental Assessment available for viewing, commenting for I-70 Polk-Quincy Viaduct improvements

An Environmental Assessment for the proposed improvements to the I-70 Polk-Quincy Viaduct in Topeka – from the MacVicar Avenue interchange to the Adams Street/Branner Trafficway interchange – is available to view, according to the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and the City of Topeka Public Works Department. The Environmental Assessment was prepared to determine potential environmental, cultural and socioeconomical impacts and is required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as part of the continued development of projects in this corridor.

The assessment concludes no significant impacts to the environment would result from this project. In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations, KDOT is proposing to request a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) following a 30-day comment period, providing no substantive comments warrant further evaluation.

The Environmental Assessment and comment forms are available at www.polkquincy.org or in KDOT's lobby at the Dwight D. Eisenhower State Office Building, 700 SW Harrison Street, in Topeka. Comments also can be sent to info@polkquincy.org and will be accepted until July 26.

The Environmental Assessment addresses both the west and east projects of the Polk-Quincy corridor. The proposed improvements include reconstructing eastbound and westbound I-70 to three lanes between MacVicar Avenue and Topeka Boulevard, constructing split-diamond interchanges between Topeka Boulevard/Kansas Avenue, and 8th Street/10th Street; adding two viaduct bridges, five new bridges and reconstructing I-70 from Kansas Avenue to Adams Street. The west project, which runs from MacVicar Avenue

to 4th Street, is currently under development as part of the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program.

The proposed project will meet current roadway and bridge design criteria, improve driver and pedestrian safety, increase roadway traffic capacity, balance accessibility and support economic development in the downtown Topeka area. Additional project details are available [online](#).

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