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Contractor selected for K-10/South Lawrence Trafficway expansion

TOPEKA – The Kansas Department of Transportation has awarded a contract for the first of two projects on the K-10/South Lawrence Trafficway (SLT) West Leg expansion. Construction is expected to begin this fall.

KDOT approved the \$170.6 million bid from Emery Sapp & Sons Inc., of Columbia, Mo., in the June bid letting for the south project. Emery Sapp & Sons Inc. was also the contractor of the eastern portion of South Lawrence Trafficway that was completed in 2016.

The SLT West Leg expansion project is designed to improve mobility and safety along a 9-mile stretch of K-10 in Lawrence. This expansion project was approved to be constructed in two parts - the north project and the south project. Both are part of KDOT's Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE).

The south project includes expanding K-10 to four lanes between U.S. 40/6th Street and U.S. 59/Iowa Street; and interchange improvements at Clinton Parkway and Iowa Street. The Wakarusa Drive/27th Street interchange will be reconstructed into a grade separated interchange, where access to and from local streets will be made via ramps. The existing traffic signal will be removed, and new bridges will carry K-10 traffic over Wakarusa Drive.

The north project is scheduled to be let for bid in 2025. It will expand K-10 from U.S. 40/6th Street to North 1800 Road/Farmer's Turnpike, as well as reconstruct the existing I-70/KTA interchange.

More information can be found on the project website: slt-ks.ksdot.gov.

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