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## **College Boulevard Public Open House Scheduled for April 24 in Olathe**

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and the cities of Olathe and Lenexa are hosting a public open house for improvements to College Boulevard between Ridgeview Road and Renner Boulevard in Johnson County on **Thursday, April 24, 2014. The public is invited to attend the open house anytime between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Grace Methodist Church in the Grace Gathering Room, 11458 S. Ridgeview Road in Olathe.**

At the open house, attendees can learn about the upcoming College Boulevard construction project plans and schedule. KDOT and city staff along with the design-build contractor, Gateway Interchange Constructors, will be on hand to answer questions. **There will be no formal presentations.**

College Boulevard will be improved to two-lanes in each direction between Ridgeview Road and Renner Boulevard. These improvements were added to the Johnson County Gateway Phase 2 Design Build Project since College Boulevard could be used as an alternative route during project construction on K-10.

College Boulevard is one of the first scheduled roadway portions for construction in Phase 2 of the Gateway Project. Construction will begin later this spring and is scheduled to be completed this fall (2014).

The I-435/I-35/K-10 interchange is one of the most congested interchanges in the state. The Johnson County Gateway Phase 2 Design-Build Project will address 90 percent of the existing problems drivers experience today and 50 percent of projected 2040 traffic problems. Phase 2 construction will start later this spring and all work is scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2016, seven months ahead of the original schedule.

The Johnson County Gateway is KDOT's first design-build project. Design-build will streamline project delivery allowing early collaboration between the contractor and the designer. This early collaboration can result in project innovations, faster project delivery and more predictable costs.

For more information on the design-build process or the Johnson County Gateway Project, please contact Burt Morey at (913) 764-4525 or [bmorey@ksdot.org](mailto:bmorey@ksdot.org). Additional project background can be found on the project website: [www.jocogateway.com](http://www.jocogateway.com).

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