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KDOT to Host Public Open House for U.S. 73/K-7 Pavement Reconstruction Project

The Kansas Department of Transportation is hosting a public open house for the upcoming pavement reconstruction project that will take place on 14.5 miles of U.S. 73/K-7 from south of the 20th Street interchange in Leavenworth to Leavenworth County Road 14 (Leavenworth County) on **Tuesday, July 1, 2014**. The public is invited to drop by the open house-style meeting anytime between **4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. that evening at the Riverfront Community Center - Riverview Room, 123 South Esplanade, Leavenworth, KS 66048**.

We invite anyone interested in the U.S. 73/K-7 pavement reconstruction project to attend the open house where you will see displays on the construction schedule, project phasing, potential traffic impacts and detour routes. KDOT staff will be on hand to answer questions about the project. There will be no formal presentations.

The reconstruction project includes the removal and replacement of all base material and existing concrete pavement on U.S. 73/K-7 from south of the 20th Street interchange in Leavenworth to Leavenworth County Road 14. In addition, repair and overlay work will take place on the bridges along this stretch of highway.

Project construction is slated to begin on Monday, July 7 and to be completed in late December 2014, weather permitting. Construction work will be completed in three phases and marked detour routes will be provided for each phase. Access to local residents along this stretch of roadway will be provided during construction. The new

roadway will be the same width with the same number of lanes when construction is completed.

This project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. Find out more about these and other T-WORKS projects at: <http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/>.

The U.S. 73/K-7 Pavement Reconstruction Project handout will be available online after the public open house at: <http://www.ksdot.org/kcMetro/press.asp>.

If you have questions or will require special assistance at the open house, please call Kimberly Qualls, KDOT Public Affairs Manager at (785) 296-0192 at least one week in advance of the meeting.

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