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KDOT to Host Public Open House for K-7 & I-70 Interchange Project

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is hosting a public open house to provide project updates for the K-7 and I-70 Interchange in Bonner Springs. **The open house will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 26 at the Bonner Springs High School (100 McDaniel, Bonner Springs, Kansas 66012).** Short, identical presentations will be given at 5:20 p.m. and 6:20 p.m. that evening.

The open house style format will allow area residents, businesses, and commuters to view detailed project maps, watch videos showing traffic flow through the interchange and listen to a brief presentation on project updates. Display materials will show preliminary right of way maps for all ten phases of the K-7 and I-70 Interchange project. Also, with the addition of a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) at K-7 and 130th Street, participants can learn how to navigate a DDI through a video display. KDOT staff, along with consultant team members, will be on hand to answer questions and discuss issues or concerns.

Construction of Phases 1-3 of the interchange will be funded through KDOT's T-WORKS program as was announced in 2011. Project construction will start with Phase

2 and is anticipated to begin in early 2013. Phase 2 involves rebuilding bridges over I-70 at Riverview Avenue and 118th Street and realigning 122nd Street and Riverview Avenue. Phase 1 improvements include a new traffic signal at the intersection of K-7 and Speaker Road, the addition of a loop ramp to both the northwest and southwest quadrants of the existing K-7 and I-70 interchange, and the removal of the overpass and existing I-70 ramps from the southeast quadrant of the interchange. Phase 3 will shift I-70 to the south and widen it to six lanes between K-7 and 110th Street.

There is currently no funding for design plans or right of way acquisition for the remaining K-7 and I-70 interchange projects (Phases 4-10). When additional funding becomes available, Phase 4 is anticipated to be the next phase that will be constructed.

The K-7 and I-70 Interchange is included among nine Northeast Kansas highway expansion projects that will be funded through T-WORKS, Kansas' 10-year, \$8 billion transportation program designed to create jobs, preserve highway infrastructure, and provide multimodal economic development opportunities across the state. KDOT partnered with communities including Bonner Springs, Edwardsville, and the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas to develop and select the projects for the program.

The ultimate K-7 and I-70 Interchange project will respond to the area's increasing traffic demands and economic development needs, while improving safety. Throughout the interchange design process, KDOT will examine what growth, development, and traffic is happening at the interchange TODAY, what may occur in the future (TOMORROW), and how KDOT can work TOGETHER with the community to complete the design and plan for construction of the new interchange as the final design is developed.

For more information, visit the project website at www.k7andi70interchange.org or KDOT's T-WORKS program website at www.ksdot.org/tworks.

If you require a sign-language interpreter or other communication aids at the meeting, please call Kimberly Qualls, KDOT Public Affairs Manager at (785) 296-3881 at least one week in advance of the meeting.

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