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Ribbon Cutting Officially Opens I-435 & U.S. 69 Interchange Improvement “Red” Project

The I-435 and U.S. 69 Interchange Improvement Red Project was unveiled today at a ribbon cutting event held at Corporate Woods Business Park, located on the southeast corner of the interchange in Overland Park. The Kansas Department of Transportation along with City of Overland Park and Johnson County officials helped to cut the ribbon on the project that fully opened to all traffic today.

This modernization project includes the construction of a southbound collector-distributor road network along U.S. 69 between 103rd Street and 119th Street, widening work on eastbound and westbound I-435, and construction of a collector-distributor road network along I-435 between I-35 and U.S. 69. The new collector-distributor road systems allow drivers to move more freely from one highway to the other as they now travel on their own road network, which is separated from the mainline through traffic on both roadways.

The project will improve both safety and capacity on two of the busiest corridors in Johnson County. Current average daily traffic at the interchange of 142,000 vehicles on I-435 and 79,500 vehicles on U.S. 69 (2012 figures) is projected to increase in 2040 to 190,000 and 165,000, respectively.

Interchange improvements were also completed at I-435 & Quivira Road, I-435 & U.S. 69, U.S. 69 & College Boulevard, and U.S. 69 & 119th Street. Clarkson Construction was the primary contractor on this improvement project.

This phase of the planned improvement projects for the I-435 and U.S. 69 corridor system in Johnson County is part of KDOT's T-WORKS transportation program. The selection of this project was announced in February 2011 and construction began a few months later in July 2011.

The U.S. 69 corridor is a top priority for the City of Overland Park and they contributed \$8 million towards the two-year \$102 million construction project.



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