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## **Public Meeting Scheduled for K-7 & I-70 Interchange Project**

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is holding an open house public meeting to discuss the preliminary design plans for the new K-7 and I-70 Interchange and the construction of a second left turn lane from Canaan Center Drive onto K-7 in Bonner Springs. The public meeting will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5 at the Bonner Springs High School (100 McDaniel, Bonner Springs, Kansas 66012). A short identical presentation will be given at both 5:20 p.m. and 6:20 p.m.

The open house meeting will allow area residents, businesses, and commuters to review detailed project maps, listen to the presentation(s), and provide comments anytime during the evening. KDOT staff along with consultant team members will be on hand to answer questions and discuss issues and/or concerns.

The display materials will show KDOT's progress to-date on the preliminary design of the new K-7 and I-70 interchange. This initial design is based on the conceptual improvement alternative that was developed as part of the *K-7 Corridor Management Plan (2006)*. Both the concept and preliminary design propose to change the current interchange configuration from a single interchange to three new interchanges that will work together as one complete system.

This information is available in alternative accessible formats. To obtain an alternative format, contact KDOT Transportation Information, Eisenhower Building, 700 SW Harrison, 2nd Floor West, Topeka, Kan., 66603-3754, or (785) 296-3585 (Voice)/Hearing Impaired - 711.

New interchanges are being designed for: K-7 at 130th Street, K-7 at I-70, and K-7 at Kansas Avenue. The concept and the preliminary design respond to the area's increasing capacity and economic development needs, while improving safety. A video will be exhibited at the public meeting which shows how drivers will navigate through the ultimate interchange.

Immediate interchange improvements will involve the construction of a second left turn lane onto southbound K-7 from the I-70 exit ramps to improve the existing bottleneck congestion. Construction of the additional turn lane will be completed this year. Displays will include project information on the turn lane construction as well as maps that show the ultimate design of the interchange, which may be constructed in several phases.

The first phase involves the design and construction of the west half of the interchange. Construction will begin as soon as funding becomes available. The second phase includes construction of the remainder of the interchange (likely in multiple phases), which may not be completed for several decades after the completion of phase one.

Throughout the preliminary 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 construction plans for the new interchange.

For more information, visit the project web site at [www.k7andi70interchange.org](http://www.k7andi70interchange.org). 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 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

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