



Open House Public Meeting

Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at Bonner Springs High School

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Overview

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) held a public meeting to discuss the current status of the new K-7 and I-70 Interchange in Bonner Springs with the community at Bonner Springs High School (100 McDaniel, Bonner Springs, Kansas) on Wednesday, August 25, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the current status of the interchange, emphasizing that KDOT has identified the funding needed to complete final design plans for Phases 1-3 of the interchange and construction of the Riverview Avenue and 118th Street Bridges, including realignment of 122nd Street and Riverview Avenue (Phase 2).

Over 165 people attended the meeting. An overview of how meeting announcements were provided, what information was presented at the meeting, general comments and responses, verbatim comment card responses, results from the KDOT Satisfaction Survey, and staff notes from conversations held with stakeholders during the meeting are included below.

Meeting Announcement

- Postcards
- News release
- Newspaper advertisements in the ***Bonner Springs Chieftain, Basehor Sentinel, Shawnee Dispatch, Tonganoxie Mirror, DeSoto Explorer On-Line, and Lansing Current On-Line***
- Unified Government and Bonner Springs newsletters
- www.twitter.com/KansasCityKDOT
- www.ktoc.net
- Portable message boards on K-7

Exhibits

The following exhibits were on display for review and comment:

- Welcome
- Design process and schedule
- K-7 and I-70 Interchange maps showing:
 - Phases 1-3
 - Ultimate K-7
 - Ultimate I-70
- Illustrative video showing the drive from I-70 eastbound to the 130th Street Exit.



As meeting participants arrived at the meeting, they received a project fact sheet, T-WORKS handout, and a comment card that included the following:

- Project Questions
 - What questions, issues, or concerns do you have about the K-7/I-70 Interchange project?
 - What other information would you have liked shared at tonight’s public meeting?
 - Other Comments?

- KDOT Satisfaction Survey Questions
 - How did you hear about this meeting?
 - What is the best way to inform you about meetings and project news?
 - Was the meeting notice timely?
 - Was the meeting time and location convenient?
 - Were your questions answered satisfactorily?
 - Were the handouts and displays easy to understand?
 - If you answered “no” to either question, what can KDOT do to provide easily understandable information or help meet your needs?
 - Did the following individuals (KDOT, Consultants, and Public Officials) listen to your concerns?
 - Would you like a follow-up to answer more questions?
 - Overall rating for the meeting: excellent, good, average, below average, or poor?

General Comments and Responses

- Over 700 postcards were mailed to project stakeholders from Bonner Springs and the surrounding communities inviting them to attend the meetings. More than 165 people attended the meeting and an estimated 15 returned their comment cards and satisfaction surveys. Frequently asked questions from the public and KDOT’s response to them are included below.
 - **Question:** How will construction of the new interchange impact existing and future businesses?
 - **KDOT Response:** The new interchange is configured so that impacts to existing businesses are minimal. KDOT will continue to coordinate with the City of Bonner Springs and local property owners to minimize the impacts of the K-7 and I-70 Interchange project on nearby properties. Information about specific impacts to properties located in Phases 1-3 of the project will be available when right-of-way design plans and final design plans for those phases are completed and construction of Phase 2 begins during 2013. Preliminary design plans for the remaining portions (Phase 4-10) of the interchange will be available near the



end of 2011. KDOT has no funding for the development of right-of-way and final design plans for Phases 4-10, so information about specific impacts for these phases will be unavailable until further design is funded. Future business should benefit from the new interchange because it will reduce the congestion and long waits at traffic signals.

- **Question:** How will access be provided from K-7 to nearby businesses, homes, and cross-streets?
 - **KDOT Response:** KDOT will coordinate with the construction contractor to ensure that access is provided to the community as the K-7 and I-70 Interchange project is built. Specific access provisions will be developed on a case-by-case basis in coordination with each scheduled phase of the K-7 and I-70 Interchange project's ten phases. Building in phases will allow K-7 to be open during construction. Temporary signals will control traffic at intersections while the new K-7 is built.

- **Question:** Will noise buffers or sound barriers be included with the project?
 - **KDOT Response:** KDOT is currently using, noise measurement equipment, and highly qualified noise analysts to determine if noise barriers or noise walls are warranted for properties in the K-7 and I-70 Interchange project area. The results of the noise study area not yet available, but the factors that influence KDOT's decisions regarding noise wall construction include:
 - Documented impacts.
 - A reduction of at least five decibels is reasonably attainable.
 - Documented support of affected property owners and local officials.
 - Cost effectiveness.
 - Positive aesthetic impacts.
 - Minimum maintenance cost.

- **Question:** Will alternative routes be provided during construction?
 - **KDOT Response:** Yes, KDOT will provide information about alternative routes during construction. Information about construction, maintenance, and detour information will be available both at http://511.ksdot.org/KanRoadPublic_VE/Default.aspx and on the project website.



- **Question:** How much will the ultimate K-7 and I-70 Interchange cost and what will it cost to build each of its phases?
 - **KDOT Response:** The estimated cost to build the ultimate K-7 and I-70 Interchange is approximately \$411 million. Costs per individual phase are not available at this time.