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I-135 Rest Stops North of Wichita Set to Re-Open

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is scheduled to re-open both north/south I-135 rest stops located North of Wichita on January 29th in Harvey County. The reopening marks the end of the first major renovation to the two facilities since their original construction in 1970.

The primary focus of the major renovation addresses extensive mechanical repairs and infrastructure updates that have accumulated over the decades. Issues such as failing cast iron drains, broken porcelain fixtures, inefficient windows, worn ceilings, and an aging ventilation system have been replaced.

A new electrical system and wiring powers improved outside/inside lighting and an up to date ventilation system. Double paned windows have been fitted to attain better insulation, increased energy efficiency, noise reduction, and ease of cleaning. Stainless steel fixtures were mounted to replace damaged ones and reduce ongoing maintenance and repair costs. To protect the new drywall, new ceilings, guttering and downspouts have been installed. Additionally, a new dump station hydrant and improved handicapped accessibility is available to visitors.

Highway construction project locations and road condition information can be viewed at the <http://511.ksdot.org> website, or can also be accessed by telephone by dialing 511.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and “Give ‘Em a Brake!” when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. Persons with questions about this road work or other KDOT projects can call South Central Kansas Public Affairs Manager, Zach Oswald, at 620-663-3361 or 1-877-550-5368 (Toll free).

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