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## **KDOT** to host Local Consult in Iola Oct. 12

Meeting will focus on transportation priorities in southeast Kansas

The Kansas Department of Transportation is hosting nine meetings in October as part of the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE) Local Consult process. KDOT holds Local Consult meetings every two years to discuss regional transportation project priorities with Kansans.

The sixth meeting will be in Iola and focus on transportation in southeast Kansas (KDOT District 4). It will take place on Thursday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m. – noon, at the Bowlus Fine Arts Center in Iola.

Those who attend will have an opportunity to share their region's transportation priorities, hear about more investments being made in transportation and learn about various grant funding programs available through KDOT. The meeting is open to the public.

This event in southeast Kansas is part of the series of meetings being held across the state and is an important step in collecting public input for the IKE program – the state's current 10-year transportation improvement program.

The remaining Local Consult meeting locations, dates and times are:

- KC Metro Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1 p.m. 4 p.m., Lenexa Hyatt Place Kansas City/Lenexa City Center in Lenexa.
- Wichita Metro Wednesday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m. noon, WSU Eugene M. Hughes Metropolitan Complex in Wichita.
- Virtual Meeting Tuesday, Oct. 24, 5 p.m. 6:30 p.m. For those unable to attend an in-person meeting, they may attend a virtual meeting on Zoom. Please register here <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvf-uppjMsHdaOpjIXnRlJQVxQrcEpb1A</u>

More information about the Local Consult process is available online at: <u>ike.ksdot.gov/local-consult-process.</u>

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