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## KDOT asks for feedback on preferred concept for US 50 Expansion Project

### Open Houses Scheduled

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) invites the US 50 corridor community to open houses in July for the US 50 Expansion Project: Cimarron to Dodge City:

Date	Time	Location	Address
July 16	4:30 to 6:30 p.m.	Cimarron City Library	120 N. Main Cimarron, KS 67835
July 17	4:30 to 6:30 p.m.	Dodge City Public Library Lois Flanagan Room	1001 N. 2nd Ave. Dodge City, KS 67801

During the open houses, the public will be able to review detailed project exhibits that show the preferred improvement concept for US 50 in Ford and Gray Counties, which will expand 16 miles of the road as a four-lane expressway. The information presented at each open house will be the same and no formal presentations will be given. Representatives from KDOT and the consultant team will be present to answer questions and discuss issues or concerns. They will be seeking specific feedback about the preferred improvement concept including pros and cons, construction management, and general concerns.

The project team began working on the US 50 expansion project in 2012 and shared their initial thoughts for improving the roadway with public officials and the public during the summer. Since then, the team combined the community feedback with engineering and field analysis data to develop the preferred concept that will be on display at the upcoming open houses. The public will be able to review conceptual improvements for US 50.

The US 50 Expansion Project: Cimarron to Dodge City is included among six Southwest Kansas highway modernization and expansion projects that are funded through T-WORKS, Kansas' 10-year \$8 billion transportation program designed to create jobs, preserve highway infrastructure, and provide multimodal economic development opportunities across the state.

KDOT has worked with communities, including Cimarron, Dodge City, and Gray and Ford Counties, to identify this project as a priority for the T-WORKS Program. KDOT is planning to use T-WORKS funds to begin building the improvements to US 50 in Gray and Ford Counties during 2018. Construction activities are anticipated to last up to three years.

For more information about the US 50 Expansion Project: Cimarron to Dodge City, visit the project web pages at [www.tinyurl.com/7h2vgx5](http://www.tinyurl.com/7h2vgx5) (US 50 in Gray County) and [www.tinyurl.com/82pptvm](http://www.tinyurl.com/82pptvm) (US 50 in Ford County) or call the project information line at 888-775-3685. You can also contact KDOT Area Engineer Dale Luedke at [dalel@ksdot.org](mailto:dalel@ksdot.org) or 620-430-2336 or Kirk Hutchinson, KDOT Southwest District Public Affairs Manager, at [kirk.hutchinson@ksdot.org](mailto:kirk.hutchinson@ksdot.org) or 620-276-3241. The project email address is [US-50@cimarrontododgecity.com](mailto:US-50@cimarrontododgecity.com).

**Note: The meeting location is ADA accessible. Persons in need of a sign language interpreter, an assistive listening device, large print or Braille material, or other accommodation to participate in this meeting should notify Dale Luedke, KDOT Area Engineer, at 620-430-2336 and [dalel@ksdot.org](mailto:dalel@ksdot.org); or (785) 296-3585 (Voice)/Hearing Impaired – 711. It would be appreciated if your accommodation request was made at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.**

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