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## **Public Meeting for I-235/Kellogg Interchange Reconstruction Project**

The Kansas Department of Transportation will host a public meeting and share details of the first phase of the I-235/U.S. 54 (Kellogg) interchange reconstruction project. The meeting will be held at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center at 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Ridge Road on October 30 from 5 until 7 p.m.

In 2011, a public meeting was held to release the conceptual design of the entire interchange's reconstruction – a multi-phase, long-term project. The October 30 meeting will focus on the first phase, planned to begin in 2015.

The initial project includes:

- An elevated one-lane flyover ramp connecting northbound I-235 to westbound U.S. 54/400 (W. Kellogg)
- A two-lane flyover ramp from southbound I-235 to eastbound Kellogg
- The removal of the loop ramps in the southwest and northeast quadrants
- The reconstruction of the loop ramp in the southeast quadrant (eastbound Kellogg to northbound I-235)
- A reconfiguration of the eastbound Kellogg ramp to West Street that will also accommodate the two ramps that access eastbound Kellogg from I-235

- The addition of auxiliary lanes on southbound and northbound I-235 between Kellogg and Central

A map of the first phase (titled the Red Project) is available at [www.235kelloggcentral.com/files/Red%20Project%20Board.pdf](http://www.235kelloggcentral.com/files/Red%20Project%20Board.pdf).

Bids for the Red Project will be opened in the spring of 2015 with construction beginning later in the year.

The \$116 million project is financed through T-WORKS, the 10-year, \$8 billion Kansas transportation program designed to create jobs, preserve highway infrastructure and provide economic development opportunities across the state. A local financial match of \$11.6 million will be provided by Sedgwick County. The City of Wichita has been actively involved in the engineering and design work as well as the right-of-way and utility relocation components.

The public meeting will have an open house format with displays and maps showing features of the project. No formal presentation will be made. Highway and bridge engineers will be available to answer questions on the design and construction sequencing. Additional project information is available at [www.235kelloggcentral.com](http://www.235kelloggcentral.com).

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