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## **Ribbon-cutting for new I-70 Lanes in Sherman County is today**

A ribbon-cutting event to mark the completion of the I-70 reconstruction project in western Kansas will take place today.

Details of the event are as follows:

**Monday, October 14**

**3:00 p.m. (Central Daylight Time)**

**At the**

**I-70 Eastbound *Travel Information Center*,**

**Located near Ruleton, Kansas (west of Goodland)**

Keynote speakers for the event include: Kansas Secretary of Transportation Mike King, President/C.E.O. of Koss Construction Company David Howard, Kansas Senator Ralph Ostmeyer, and Kansas Representative Ward Cassidy.

The event marks the completion of the three-year project to rebuild both east and westbound lanes of I-70 from the Colorado/Kansas border, 12 miles into Kansas.

Koss Construction Co., of Topeka, was the prime contractor for the \$48 million project.

“Interstate 70 is an important highway, not just for Sherman County and the state of Kansas – but for the entire nation,” says Kansas Department of Transportation Secretary and Director of the Turnpike Mike King. “It spans nearly coast to coast and carries hundreds of thousands of vehicles and moves hundreds of millions of dollars in commerce every day.”

This I-70 reconstruction project is funded by T-WORKS, the Transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May of 2010; and designed to create jobs, preserve highway infrastructure, and spur economic development opportunities across the state.

**Parking for the ribbon-cutting event will be limited, and carpooling is encouraged.** A bus will be provided to transport those who are interested in attending this event. *The bus will be leaving the Holiday Inn Express parking lot (near Goodland’s Exit 17) at 2:15 p.m. (C.D.T.) to take participants to and from the ribbon cutting event.* To arrange a ride or get directions to the event, please contact: Kristen Brands, KDOT Northwest Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 877-2137 or [kristenb@ksdot.org](mailto:kristenb@ksdot.org) in Norton.



**Crews with Koss Construction are pictured paving the eastbound lanes earlier this year.**

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