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K-23 ribbon-cutting event taking place Friday in Gove

A ribbon-cutting event to commemorate the re-opening of K-23 in Gove County took place today at 1 p.m. (Friday, September 3) at the Gove Community Church Fellowship Hall – 517 Broad Street, Gove.

Guest speakers for the event included: Secretary of Transportation Deb Miller, Kansas Senator Ralph Ostmeyer, Venture Corporation President Kip Spray and Gove County Commission Chairman Bart Briggs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project improved 17 miles of the highway from the Lane/Gove County line to the approximate southern city limits of Gove. Venture Corporation was the prime contractor for the \$7.8 million dollar project. Using practical improvement standards, the cost effective approach to construction saved an estimated \$11 million dollars. KDOT's traditional approach to construct this project would have involved right of way acquisition and significant grading.

The ribbon-cutting location is ADA accessible. Persons in need of special accommodations should notify the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) prior to the meeting. Requests may be addressed to KDOT's District Three Public Affairs Manager Kristen Brands at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org.

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