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Officials to Unveil Stimulus Signs at I-135/47th Street South Project US DOT Deputy Secretary, Kansas Lt. Governor to speak

A ceremony to mark the beginning of a project funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will be held Friday, August 28. The \$16.1 million project will rebuild the I-135 & 47th Street South interchange, the intersection at 47th and Broadway plus make improvements on other parts of the 47th Street corridor (from Broadway to Lulu).

Hosted by the Kansas Department of Transportation and the City of Wichita, the ceremony will be held in the parking lot of the ABC Rental Superstore at 711 E. 47th St. South at 10 a.m. A sign designating the project as a part of ARRA will be unveiled after comments by US Department of Transportation Deputy Secretary John Porcari, Kansas Lieutenant Governor Troy Findley, Kansas Secretary of Transportation Deb Miller and Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer.

Dondlinger & Sons Construction of Wichita is the lead contractor for the project. Work is expected to begin September 8 and completion is planned for late-2011.

Included in the project is the rebuilding of four bridges on 47th Street, two over I-135 and two over Big Slough Creek, west of the interstate. Ramp improvements will be made at the interchange and traffic signals will be installed at each end of the bridges over the interstate. Access changes to businesses east of Broadway will include a traffic signal at Emporia Street. The Broadway and 47th Street intersection will be improved with two left turn lanes for each direction. Realignment of utilities, improvements to the storm water drainage as well as the installation new 12" water line are included.

The project is one of 12 road projects financed with ARRA funds in the Wichita metropolitan area and is the first to get started. In addition to the \$32 million planned for roads, projects are also slated for transit, rail, aviation plus a bike/pedestrian trail, for a total Federal investment of \$40.4 million.



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