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KDOT to Host Public Open House for US-69 & I-435 Interchange Area Improvement Project

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is hosting a public open house for the US-69 and I-435 Interchange Area Improvement Project on **Thursday, July 7, 2011**. The public is invited to stop by the open house style meeting anytime between **4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel located at 10100 College Boulevard, Overland Park, Kansas 66210**. The open house will be held in the Seattle Conference Room located near the west entrance.

At the open house, participants will learn about the upcoming construction plans for improvements in the US-69 and I-435 interchange area. With construction scheduled to begin this summer, participants will be informed on construction phasing, traffic impacts, noise wall installation, and a video simulation highlighting new traffic movements in the interchange area. KDOT staff and project members will be available to answer questions. There will be no formal presentations at the open house.

Planned improvements on this project will add auxiliary lanes to I-435 between US-69 and Quivira Road. It will also continue improvements on US-69 from 103rd Street to 119th Street. These improvements will help address congestion at the I-435 and US-69 interchange.

This phase of the US-69 and I-435 improvements in Johnson County is part of KDOT's T-WORKS program and the selection of this improvement project was announced in February 2011. US-69 is a top priority for the City of Overland Park and they will contribute \$8 million toward project construction. The estimated construction cost for the project is \$102 million with

an estimated economic impact, or benefit of \$779 million. Clarkson Construction is the primary contractor on this improvement project.

Additional information about this project, construction schedules and traffic impacts will be available online after the public open house at <http://www.ksdot.org/kcMetro>. If you have questions or will require special assistance at the open house, please call Kimberly Qualls, KDOT Public Affairs Manager at (785) 296-3881 at least one week in advance of the meeting.

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