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Construction Set to Begin for New K-7 & US-24/40 Interchange in Wyandotte County

Weather permitting, on Monday, March 10, construction will begin for the new K-7 and US-24/40 interchange in Wyandotte County. The K-7 and US-24/40 interchange project will include construction of new northbound and southbound K-7 bridges, all new ramps at the K-7 and US-24/40 interchange, and all new roadway pavement on K-7 and US-24/40.

The existing cloverleaf interchange will be replaced with a new partial cloverleaf or folded diamond interchange and the addition of auxiliary lanes on K-7 and US-24/40. The lane addition will provide traffic with acceleration and deceleration lanes for the new interchange on- and off-ramps. When completed, the new interchange will provide for a safer and more efficient driving experience for the traveling public.

During construction, traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction throughout the duration of the project. All existing ramps at the interchange of K-7 and US-24/40 will be closed during construction of the new ramps. Marked detours will be provided using US-24/40, K-7, I-70, and I-435 during the ramp closures.

Updated daily lane and ramp closure information for this interchange project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp. Drivers should expect minor delays during the project and are encouraged to use alternate routes, if possible.

APAC Kansas, Inc. is the primary contractor for this project with a total contract cost of \$35,739,978. The scheduled completion date for the entire interchange project is early winter 2008.

The Kansas Department of Transportation urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and "Give 'Em a Brake!" when approaching and driving through work zones. For questions or additional information on this interchange project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 296-3881, or Jim Wetterberg, Bonner Springs Construction Engineer, at (785) 721-2754.

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