

# 5-COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY



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## **KDOT to Host Community Dialogue Sessions for Public Input on 5-County Regional Transportation Study**

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) will host a series of community dialogue sessions to gain public input and insight into the 5-County Regional Transportation Study. Currently underway, the 5-County Study is challenging stakeholders to rethink transportation strategies to support community values and priorities in Douglas, Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami and Wyandotte counties.

The general public, stakeholders and groups interested in transportation issues are invited to participate in the community dialogue sessions. The sessions will provide an opportunity to share information and for the public to identify what they value about the transportation system.

One community dialogue session will be held in each of the study area's five counties. During the sessions, facilitators will lead participants in deliberative dialogues to discuss transportation options and their impacts on communities. Details for each of the community dialogue session are as follows:

- Douglas County – Thursday, February 19, 6-8 p.m., Lawrence Union Pacific Depot, 401 N. 2nd Street, Lawrence, KS 66044
- Johnson County – Tuesday, February 24, 6-8 p.m., MidAmerica Nazarene University-Bell Center, 2030 E. College Way, Olathe, KS 66062
- Miami County – Wednesday, March 4, 6-8 p.m., Paola American Legion, 5 Delaware Street, Paola, KS 66071
- Leavenworth County – Thursday, March 12, 6-8 p.m., Lansing Community Center, 800 1st Terrace, Lansing, KS 66043

- Wyandotte County – Thursday, March 24, 5-7 p.m., Kansas City Kansas Community College-Conference Center, 7250 State Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66112

The 5-County Regional Transportation Study is a two-phase study designed to assess changing transportation needs within the five-county area. The study's Phase 1 objective is to compile a comprehensive inventory of transportation needs in the study area. Study participants will identify issues and needs, as well as significant developments and how those developments are impacting the regional transportation system. Phase 1 is expected to be complete by the end of 2009. Phase 2, currently unfunded, will prioritize the identified projects.

This study is a partnership of the KDOT, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), the Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Kansas Turnpike Authority, and the study area's counties and cities.

If special meeting accommodations, such as a sign language interpreter, are needed, please contact Angela Pritchett at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. For more information about the 5-County Study visit us online at [www.5countystudy.org](http://www.5countystudy.org).

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