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### **New K-7 & US-24/40 Interchange Project Completed in Wyandotte County**

Weather permitting, **by early afternoon on Thursday, January 22**, construction on the new K-7 and US-24/40 interchange in Wyandotte County will be completed and all interchange ramps and most mainline lanes will be opened to traffic. There may be some lane closures on eastbound and westbound US-24/40 through **Monday, January 26**. Also, for the next couple of months, there will be periodic lane closures in the project area while crews complete finishing, clean up, and landscape work.

The new K-7 and US-24/40 interchange project includes 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 has been 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. The new interchange will provide for a safer and more efficient driving experience for the traveling public.

APAC Kansas, Inc. is the primary contractor for this project with a total contract cost of \$35,739,978. The original scheduled completion date for the entire interchange project was early winter 2008. Due to weather and other scheduling delays, the project completion was moved to early 2009.

For questions or additional information on this interchange project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Jim Wetterberg, Bonner Springs Construction Engineer, at (785) 721-2754.

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