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New Signs Posted for US-56 Speed Limit Increase in Four Counties

On **Wednesday, April 22**, a sign installation project for a speed limit increase on US-56 in Lyon, Osage, Douglas, and Johnson Counties was completed by the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). KDOT crews installed new signs increasing the speed limit on US-56 from 55 miles per hour to 60 miles per hour throughout the four-county area.

In 2007, KDOT had planned to increase the speed limit along US-56 from 55 miles per hour to 60 miles per hour, based on the results of a traffic study completed at that time. In July 2007, the project was postponed so that KDOT staff could conduct meetings with local city, county, and school district officials located along US-56 in the four-county area to address safety concerns for schools that may be impacted by the increased speed limit. Once discussions were completed with local officials, KDOT then recommended and implemented rural school zones for the schools impacted by the speed limit increase on US-56.

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