Open house for U.S. 169 reconstruction project is February 27 at Welda

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is planning a public open house to gather information and comments on the U.S.169 reconstruction/rehabilitation project from Welda north to the roundabout south of Garnett. The open house will take place from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, at the Welda Community Center, located at the intersection of 1000 Road and Tioga Street in Welda.

The public is welcome to drop by the open house at any time as no formal presentation is planned. Project maps and displays will be available for viewing, and KDOT staff will be on hand to provide information, answer questions and receive comments. The 7½-mile U.S.169 project will widen the highway shoulders, flatten the roadway, and improve intersections and overall safety along the stretch. Topics to be discussed during the open house include project features, right-of-way impacts, and access.

Construction on the project is expected to start in the spring of 2017 and be completed in the spring of 2019. The U.S.169 section from Welda north to the U.S.59 junction will be closed during construction, with traffic detoured on U.S.59 and U.S.54. One-lane traffic will be carried through construction on the section from the U.S.59 junction north to the roundabout.

The meeting location is ADA accessible. Persons in need of a sign language interpreter, an assistive listening device, large print or Braille material, or other accommodation to attend this meeting should notify Priscilla Petersen at
Priscilla@ksdot.org, phone (620) 431-1000 (Voice), or phone (785) 296-3585 (Voice)/Hearing Impaired – 711. The U.S.169 project is funded under T-WORKS, the statewide transportation program approved by the Kansas Legislature in 2010. For more information about T-WORKS projects and funding, visit the website at www.ksdot.org/tworks.

 This information can be made available in alternative accessible formats upon request. For information about obtaining an alternative format, contact the Bureau of Transportation Information, 700 SW Harrison St., 2nd FL West, Topeka, KS 66603-3754 or phone 785-296-3585 (Voice)/Hearing Impaired – 711.

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