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KDOT decision will preserve most of landmark

The design of a four-lane expansion of U.S. 50 between Cimarron and Dodge City will include a paved, 16-foot median where the highway passes by the landmark known as the Point of Rocks.

The 16-foot median, which is narrower than originally proposed, will preserve most of the existing Point of Rocks landmark, an option that received great public support.

The Kansas Department of Transportation has spent several months reviewing various alternatives and discussing the options with local officials in Ford County and Dodge City, as well as representatives of the Santa Fe Trail Association and the Great Western Cattle Trail.

"I'm pleased that KDOT and our local partners were able to come up with a solution that meets the transportation needs of the region and is responsive to the wishes of many people in Southwest Kansas," said Kansas Transportation Secretary Mike King. "I appreciate the input of all interested stakeholders and their willingness to engage in a dialogue on this issue."

The four-lane expressway will feature a 60-foot grass median from Cimarron east for about 13 miles and then narrow to a 16-foot paved median for the final 3 miles of the proposed improvement. The narrower median, with a retaining wall to protect the Point of Rocks, stays within KDOT's \$69 million budget for the project.

KDOT expects to begin construction on this four-lane improvement in 2018 and complete the expansion project by 2020.

If you have questions on this project, you can call Dale Luedke, Dodge City Area Engineer, at 620-227-6122 or Kirk Hutchinson, KDOT Southwest Public Affairs Manager, at 1-877-550-5368 (toll free).

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