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## **Johnson County Gateway Phase 2 Project Breaks Ground in Lenexa**

The Kansas Department of Transportation, along with Gov. Sam Brownback and officials from the cities of Lenexa and Olathe and Johnson County, broke ground today in Lenexa for Kansas' first design-build project – the Johnson County Gateway Phase 2 Project. This \$288 million three-year project is also the largest project KDOT has ever let for construction.

With I-435 and K-10 serving as the backdrop, Gov. Brownback, Transportation Secretary Mike King, Lenexa Mayor Mike Boehm, Olathe Mayor Michael Copeland, Johnson County Commission Chair Ed Eilert, and Gateway Interchange Constructors' Bill Clarkson shared their comments and then officially “turned the dirt” with golden shovels at this mid-afternoon event.

Over 230,000 vehicles use the I-435/I-35/K-10 interchange today and that number is estimated to grow to 380,000 by the year 2040. This traffic volume, along with future economic development potential, declining infrastructure and roadway safety concerns, are several of the reasons for improvements in the interchange area.

The project will improve 90 percent of the existing traffic problems drivers experience today and 50 percent of the projected 2040 traffic problems.

Gateway Interchange Constructors is the design-build team chosen to complete the phase 2 portion of the Gateway Project. In 2010, as part the T-WORKS transportation program, KDOT identified the Johnson County Gateway:

I-435/I-35/K-10 Interchange Phase 2 Project as the state's first major design-build project in order to accelerate the delivery of the improvements

GIC is a joint venture led by Kansas City, Mo.-based Clarkson Construction Co. partnered with Kiewit Infrastructure Co. Additional key members of the team include local design firms HDR Engineering, Inc. and George Butler Associates, Inc.

The budget for phase 2 of the Johnson County Gateway is \$288 million, which includes a \$3 million schedule incentive GIC accepted to accelerate the construction by seven months to complete work by Dec. 31, 2016. The budget includes T-WORKS construction funding, additional funding from the cities of Lenexa and Olathe, and funding for design and engineering work. Project construction will begin later this spring.

For more information on the design-build process or the Johnson County Gateway Project, please contact Burt Morey, KDOT Project Manager, at (913) 577-0014 or [bmorey@ksdot.org](mailto:bmorey@ksdot.org). Additional background information can be found on the project website: [www.jocogateway.com](http://www.jocogateway.com).

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