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Intelligent Transportation System Sign Installation Requires Lane Closures on E. Kellogg

The Kansas Department of Transportation will begin installation of additional traffic cameras, sensors and message signs on Monday, October 14 and lane closures on U.S. 54/400 (Kellogg Freeway) in east Wichita will be necessary. To facilitate the installation of a sign support structure and reconstruction of the median barrier wall around the support, the left lane for both eastbound and westbound Kellogg between Woodlawn and Rock will be closed for about six weeks.

With over 50,000 vehicles per day using this section of East Kellogg, the lane closures are likely to contribute to congestion, especially during commute times in the morning and late afternoon.

Two dynamic message signs will be installed, one for each direction of freeway traffic. Messages are posted on the signs to alert drivers of relevant travel information, especially situations caused by accidents, highway maintenance activities and traffic congestion. Two new East Kellogg traffic cameras will also be installed on each side of Rock Road.

These Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) devices will be useful for monitoring not only the high volumes of traffic but also how construction activities affect traffic east of Rock Road. Construction on the Kellogg Freeway will resume in 2014 and include an interchange serving the Kansas Turnpike toll plaza and the Webb Road intersection.

Additional ITS cameras will also be installed on West Kellogg between Maize and Ridge roads and on I-135, south of Harry Street.

Atlas Electric of Wichita is the primary contractor for the \$677,712 project. The work will continue through the winter months as weather allows and will be completed in the spring.

The project is Phase 2B of KDOT's Intelligent Transportation System deployment on highways in the Wichita metropolitan area. Currently, 35 cameras, 45 traffic sensors and 21 message signs are used to monitor the major highways in Wichita. A Traffic Management Center is staffed Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. through a partnership with Sedgwick County 911. Camera views, traffic speeds, incident reports and construction notifications are available at www.WICHway.org.

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