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KDOT to Host Public Open House for K-31 Improvement Project & U.S. 75 & K-31/K-268 Roundabout Project in Osage County

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is hosting a public open house for the K-31 Improvement Project and the U.S. 75 and K-31/K-268 Roundabout Project in Osage County on **Thursday, September 19**. The public is invited to stop by the open house-style meeting anytime between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Osage City Schools-Lunchroom Area, 420 South 4th in Osage City.

We invite anyone interested in either of these projects to come learn about the projects and view displays, including an overview map of both projects. The K-31 Improvement Project displays will include the proposed future alignment. The U.S. 75 and K-31/K-268 Roundabout Project displays will include construction phasing/schedule and potential traffic impacts. KDOT staff will be on hand to answer questions about both projects. There will be no formal presentations.

KDOT will present the proposed alignment for the future K-31 Improvement Project in Osage County. The K-31 Improvement Project will reconstruct K-31 from the east city limits of Osage City east to the U.S. 75 and K-31/K-268 junction, including adding shoulders and flattening the hills along this stretch of K-31 to improve safety and enhance passing opportunities.

The U.S. 75 and K-31/K-268 Roundabout Project will replace the existing four-way intersection with a single lane roundabout. Also, included with the project is construction for a new park and ride lot near the intersection. Construction for the roundabout project is scheduled to begin in late Fall 2013 with a completion date of Fall 2014.

These projects are funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. Find out more about these and other T-WORKS projects at: <http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/>.

Handouts and additional information for these projects will be available online after the public open house at <http://www.ksdot.org/topekaMetro/projectstudyNEKS.asp>. If you have questions or will require special assistance at the open house, please call Kimberly Qualls, KDOT Public Affairs Manager at (785) 296-0192 at least one week in advance of the meeting.

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