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Public Input Sought for I-70 Topeka Polk-Quincy Viaduct Study

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is seeking input from the public about potential improvements to the I-70 Polk-Quincy Viaduct via a new online survey posted on the study Web site's home page, <http://I70PolkQuincy.ksdot.org>. Stakeholder and citizen input will be a critical component of the I-70 Polk-Quincy Viaduct Study process.

The I-70 Polk-Quincy Viaduct Study will determine the future of the 3,800-foot long bridge located in downtown Topeka. After more than 50 years, the condition of the Polk-Quincy Viaduct has deteriorated, traffic volumes have increased, highway design criteria have changed and the area around the viaduct has undergone new development and redevelopment.

KDOT began the two-phase study earlier this summer, involving residents, community leaders and stakeholders to assess the needs and possible solutions in the study area. During Phase I, the study team will identify a location and design concept on which to base future design work. The study team will consider feasible alternatives to improve traffic flow and safety and recommend the preferred alignment and improvements for the Polk-Quincy Viaduct. Stakeholders will identify issues and opportunities in the study area, as well as help evaluate possible improvements. Phase I is expected to be completed by mid-2010. During Phase II of the study, engineers will conduct preliminary work to add detail to the location and design concept identified in Phase I.

In addition to collecting public input through the study Web site, there will be other opportunities for stakeholder participation including public meetings that will be held throughout the study process. The first public meeting was held in Topeka on October 13. Materials from this public meeting, including an interactive map depicting issues/concerns expressed by the public to-date, are now posted on the study site.

The I-70 Polk-Quincy Viaduct Study partners include the Kansas Department of Transportation, the City of Topeka and the Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization. ###

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