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Ceremony marks completion of Lansing project

LANSING – A project to enhance safety, traffic flow and economic development on Main Street was celebrated at a ribbon cutting ceremony this afternoon.

The Main Street System Enhancement Project, which cost an estimated \$17 million, includes the widening of the roadway, a bridge replacement, rehabilitation of the street, curb and guttering, sidewalks, lighting and some traffic signals. Medians were added in some locations on Main Street, which is also K-7/U.S. 73, and turning lanes in others. Some side streets were realigned.

“Instead of congestion, exhaust and exasperated drivers along Main Street, you can now expect efficient traffic flow and fewer fumes to breathe,” said Kansas Secretary of Transportation Deb Miller.

“The improved flow along the 2 ¼-mile-long project also will allow customers safe and smooth access into and out of Main Street businesses.”

The project, which got under way in June 2006, was funded through the Kansas Department of Transportation’s System Enhancement Program and required a 20 percent match from the City of Lansing.

“The amount of traffic along Main Street is expected to nearly double in the next 20 years from the current 25,000 vehicles a day,” said Mayor Ken Bernard. “This project not only has important safety benefits, it provides the infrastructure needed for continued growth and economic opportunity.”

Leavenworth Excavating and Equipment Co. is the primary contractor for the project.

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