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Diverging Diamond Interchange Selected for I-35 SW Johnson County Project

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has selected a new form of interchange called the “Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI)” which will be utilized for the design of the new I-35 and Homestead Lane interchange project in southwest Johnson County. The new I-35 SW Johnson County interchange at Homestead Lane is needed to provide access to the future BNSF Intermodal Facility, Logistics Park and warehouse facilities and other future growth in the area. To see a diagram of the DDI, visit the project website at: http://i35swjohnsoncointerchange.ksdot.org/.

This interchange selection makes KDOT one of only a handful of states to select this new innovative type of interchange. A highlight of the DDI will be the crossing of traffic to the opposite side of the road through the interchange. Homestead Lane traffic entering the DDI will cross over to the opposite side of the road and then have the option to either make an unopposed left turn onto the interstate or cross back over to the right lane and continue along Homestead Lane.

This new interchange concept has been lauded as an innovative solution that reduces conflict points and creates a safer environment for left turning vehicles. The DDI will minimize signal phasing, significantly reducing wait times and traffic delays. This type of interchange configuration will operate exceptionally well due to the high volume of traffic that will turn left at the new I-35 and Homestead Lane interchange location.

For more information regarding the I-35 Southwest Johnson County Interchange project, visit http://i35swjohnsoncointerchange.ksdot.org/. For additional information or questions, please contact Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager Kimberly Qualls at 785-296-3881 or kqualls@ksdot.org.

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