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Improvement Work to Begin on K-7 & I-70 Interchange in Wyandotte County

On Monday, July 13, improvement work will begin for the addition of a left turn lane from the I-70 exit ramp onto southbound K-7 at the K-7/I-70 interchange in Wyandotte County. The improvement project will include the addition of new traffic signals at the interchange. Crews will work daily, Monday through Friday, with varying hours. Some occasional weekend and overnight work will also occur.

Advance message boards will alert traffic to lane and ramp closures. At times, traffic impacts will affect northbound and southbound K-7, Canaan Drive, and/or the I-70/K-7 interchange ramps. Lane and ramp closures will not occur during morning (6:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.) and afternoon (3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.) peak rush hour commute times. Drivers should expect minor delays and are encouraged to use alternate routes during project-related closures, if possible. Updated daily lane and ramp closure information for this improvement project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/laneclose.asp.

Mega Industries Corporation is the primary contractor on this improvement project with a total contract cost of $435,000. The scheduled completion date for the entire project is mid-October 2009.

The Kansas Department of Transportation urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and “Give ‘Em a Brake!” when approaching and driving through project work zones. For more information on this improvement project, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340, or Amy Pope, Bonner Springs Construction Engineer, at (913) 721-2754.

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