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## **KDOT Launches I-35 SW Johnson County Interchange Project Web Site**

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has launched a new web site at <http://i35swjohnsoncointerchange.ksdot.org> dedicated to providing project information on the I-35 Johnson County Interchange Project. The new Web site will offer detailed and updated project information, a project timeline, public engagement schedule, and resource documents developed during the course of the project process.

The purpose of the I-35 SW Johnson County Project is to define a new interchange location on I-35 that will provide access to the future BNSF Intermodal Facility, Logistics Park and warehouse facilities and other future growth.

The demand for improved access to I-35 in southwestern Johnson County is growing due to population growth and business expansion and development. In order for traffic to move safely, efficiently and conveniently through the southwest Johnson County corridor on I-35, a Southwest Johnson County Interchange Access Study has been done. Currently, average daily traffic is 25,000 vehicles per day. By 2030, average daily traffic is estimated at 56,300 vehicles per day between the existing Gardner Road Interchange and the Sunflower Road Interchange. This level of traffic volume will result in congestion at critical ramp and freeway locations.

As the region continues to grow, KDOT must determine what improvements should be made to best handle future traffic demands, accommodate public transportation, and support economic development efforts. The I-35 SW Johnson County Interchange Project Web site is an important part of this process to determine future traffic demands.

The Web site is one of several public outreach activities for the I-35 SW Johnson County Interchange Project. On Thursday evening, October 29, the first public open house was held in Edgerton to provide the public with an opportunity to review project information and view three alternative options for a proposed future I-35 interchange, as well as provide their input on the project alternatives. Another public meeting is scheduled for the summer of 2010.

Expected completion date for the interchange project is winter 2010. KDOT is undertaking this project in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Cities of Edgerton and Gardner, Johnson County and the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC).

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