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Public Info Open House Set for K-7 & 55th Street/Johnson Drive Interchange Project in Johnson County

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is hosting a Public Information Open House for the K-7 & 55th Street/Johnson Drive interchange project in Johnson County on **Thursday, February 18** at the **Monticello Trails Middle School, 6100 Monticello Road in Shawnee**. The public is invited to drop by the open house anytime between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

We invite anyone interested in the interchange project to come and learn about the project, and view displays for construction phasing and potential traffic impacts. KDOT, City of Shawnee, and consultant staff will be on hand to answer questions about the interchange project.

When the interchange project is completed, 55th Street/Johnson Drive will run under K-7. The project includes construction of a roundabout to merge the K-7 on- and off-ramps with 55th Street/Johnson Drive. A second roundabout will be built west of K-7 at the intersection of Hedge Lane Terrace and 55th Street. Also included with this project are the construction of Hedge Lane Terrace south to Clear Creek Parkway and the construction of a side-road overpass at Clear Creek Parkway and K-7.

Miles Excavating, Inc. (Basehor, KS) is the primary contractor with a total contract cost of \$21.4 million. Project construction is scheduled to begin in mid-March 2010, with a tentative completion date of fall 2011. The K-7 & 55th Street/Johnson Drive interchange project is a cooperative effort, funded in part by KDOT and the City of Shawnee.

If you are in need of a sign language interpreter, an assistive listening device, large print or Braille material, or other accommodations to attend this open house, please notify Kimberly Qualls at (785) 296-3881 at least 48 hours prior to the open house. Requests may also be addressed to the Kansas Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Information, 700 SW Harrison Street, 2nd Floor West, Topeka, Kansas 66603-3754 or phone (785) 296-3585 (Voice)/ Hearing Impaired – 711. For more information or questions, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340.

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