Traffic Changes for K-7 & 55th Street/Johnson Drive Interchange Project

Weather permitting, after morning rush hour on Friday, December 3, traffic impacts will take place on K-7 at the 55th Street/Johnson Drive intersection in Johnson County. Crews will shift northbound traffic from the existing northbound lanes to the newly constructed exit ramp lanes just east of the new K-7 bridges that are currently under construction. Also, traffic access for Johnson Drive to northbound K-7 and northbound K-7 to Johnson Drive will open that same day. Southbound K-7 traffic will reopen to two lanes of traffic as well. All traffic changes should be in place by late evening on Friday, December 3.

Johnson Drive access to and from southbound K-7 will continue to remain closed for construction work on the east side of the interchange project. During the Johnson Drive closure, drivers will continue to detour via 47th Street to Silverheel Street to Woodsonia Drive (blue detour route) or use the Silverheel Street spur located via Clear Creek Parkway south of the interchange project as an additional detour route (purple detour route). Johnson Drive access to from southbound K-7 is scheduled to reopen to all traffic in mid-2011.

In addition, access to 55th Street from northbound K-7 and vice versa will be closed. During the 55th Street closure, northbound K-7 traffic will continue to detour via 47th Street to Old K-7 Highway (red detour route) or via Clear Creek Parkway to Hedge Lane Terrace (green detour route). Updated traffic information for this project can be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/kcmetro/lanechange.asp.

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

Miles Excavating, Inc. (Basehor, KS) is the primary contractor on the interchange project with a total contract cost of $21.4 million. The K-7 & 55th Street/Johnson Drive interchange project is a cooperative effort, funded in part by the Kansas Department of Transportation and the City of Shawnee. The entire K-7 & 55th Street/Johnson Drive interchange project is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2011.

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 the project work zone. For more project information, 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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