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US-56 Speed Limit Increase Postponed for Now

A planned speed limit increase for US-56 in Lyon, Osage, Douglas and Johnson counties has been postponed for additional review with local officials. The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) planned to increase the speed limit along US-56 from 55 miles per hour to 60 miles per hour, based on the results from a recently completed traffic study.

KDOT staff plan to conduct meetings with local community, county, and school district officials located along US-56 in the four county area to address safety concerns for schools that may be impacted by the increased speed limit. Once discussions are completed with local officials, KDOT will then utilize the comments provided in conjunction with a review of the schools and their locations to determine what recommended changes may be needed.

The speed limit increase on US-56 will not be posted until all discussions are completed and recommended changes approved by KDOT are implemented. For further information, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 296-3381, or Earl Bosak, Area Engineer, at (785) 528-3128.

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