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KDOT begins study on US-50 in Ford and Edwards counties; seeks public input

The Kansas Department of Transportation is initiating a study of approximately 34 miles of the US-50 Corridor in Ford and Edwards Counties. The study area begins at the east city limits of Dodge City and continues to the intersection of US 50 and US 56, west of Kinsley.

As part of this study, KDOT will host a Public Open House on Thursday, February 5, 2015. The open house, come-and-go format will provide an opportunity for citizens to provide input and speak one-on-one with project staff.

Time: 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM, Thursday, February 5

**Location: Spearville Middle School / High School
Commons / Concession Area
305 E Avenue B
Spearville, KS 67876**

Alfred Benesch and MRIGlobal are working in conjunction with the Kansas Department of Transportation to study potential improvements as a result of public comments and concerns expressed during Local Consult meetings in 2012. This includes a focus on passing lane additions that would ease travel by improving passing opportunities along US 50 now and into the future. The team will also evaluate potential improvements to three intersections on US 50 in Spearville. Other enhancements that might improve safety or traffic operations along the corridor will also be considered. This effort is for a study of this area only and will be complete in the fall of 2015. There is no funding for future construction at this time.

In the coming weeks, KDOT will seek to determine the public's opinions and priorities for US 50. Involving the public in this process will provide citizens the opportunity to engage in study efforts and provide valuable feedback. The study will provide KDOT and local agencies with clear direction related to interim and future improvements for the US 50 corridor.

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This meeting is being held at a location that is physically accessible to individuals with disabilities. Information can be made available in alternative accessible formats upon request. For information about obtaining an alternative format, contact the Bureau of Transportation Information, 700 SW Harrison St., 2nd Floor West, Topeka, KS 66603-3754 or phone 785-296-3585 (Voice)/Hearing Impaired – 711.

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