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KDOT to close Kasold Drive at K-10 in Lawrence

Topeka - The Kansas Department of Transportation will close the north and south legs of Kasold Drive at the K-10 intersection December 3. The closure is part of a series of safety improvements along the K-10 corridor that will take place over the next 12 to 24 months while KDOT studies the corridor for possible long-term expansion alternatives.

The Kasold intersection will be permanently closed starting December 3 to improve safety through that section of K-10. There have been more than 28 crashes at that intersection in the two years since the opening of the east leg of K-10. That is about a five-fold increase over the period before the east leg opened.

The K-10 corridor is currently being studied to fully evaluate and document the impacts and benefits that long-term expansion alternatives will have on the surrounding area. The Supplemental Environmental Impact Study is expected to take approximately three years to complete. Throughout the process, KDOT will engage the community through stakeholder and public meetings and workshops to provide updates and gather input.

There is no funding for capacity expansion projects such as adding additional lanes at this time. A range of funding options will be evaluated as part of the study process. Members of the public can learn more about the study and provide input on the project website www.slt-ks.org.

The Kasold Drive/E. 1200 Road intersection closure will begin December 3. Work to complete that closure is expected to be take about two weeks. Message boards along K-10, Kasold Drive and East 1200 Road will alert drivers to the upcoming closure starting November 19.

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