

K-7 & I-70

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Building on the success of the K-7 Corridor Management Study (2006), the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has kicked off the preliminary design of the new K-7 and I-70 Interchange in Bonner Springs. As part of the process, KDOT is examining the growth, development, and traffic at the interchange today, what may occur in the future (tomorrow), and how they can work together with the community to complete the design and plan for construction of the new interchange. The preliminary design process began in 2008 and will end in 2011. Depending on funding, the ultimate construction of the entire interchange could be several decades away.

The K-7 Corridor Management Study divided K-7 into three different sections extending from the 223rd Street Interchange in Miami County on the south to K-5/Muncie Road in Leavenworth County on the north. As shown on the map to the left, the K-7 and I-70 Interchange was examined as part of Section 2 of the Study.

PLANNING TODAY FOR THE NEEDS AHEAD

The existing K-7 and I-70 Interchange in Bonner Springs is a major system-to-system interchange. Thousands of residents, businesses, and commuters from Bonner Springs and other Kansas City Metro communities use the interchange daily and traffic is expected to increase in the future. The K-7 Corridor Study examined anticipated growth and increasing congestion at the interchange. The creation of a new conceptual improvement alternative for the interchange was the result. The preliminary design of the Interchange Concept will respond to the area's increasing capacity and economic development needs, while improving safety too. Immediate improvements will involve

the construction of a second left turn lane onto southbound K-7 at the I-70/Canaan Center Drive intersection to reduce bottlenecks. Construction of the turn lane will be completed during the summer of 2009.



I-70 at K-7



DESIGNING TOMORROW'S IMPROVEMENTS

The design of the new K-7 and I-70 Interchange will include several phases of improvements. Currently there are two phases planned for the project. Phase 1 involves KDOT design and construction of the west half of the interchange. Construction will begin as soon as funding becomes available. Phase 2 includes construction of the remainder of the interchange (likely in multiple phases), which may not all be completed for several decades after the completion of the first phase.



WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER FUTURE

In 2007 with input from the general public and local officials, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was created between KDOT and the City of Bonner Springs to implement the recommendations of the K-7 Corridor Study. KDOT will continue to coordinate with the Bonner Springs community through interchange design and construction to ensure that stakeholders are informed and encouraged to get involved with the project as it progresses. Look for:

- >>> Informative **newsletters** and **postcards**.
- >>> Announcements for and opportunities to attend **public meetings**.
- >>> Useful information on the project **web site** including:
 - videos** that depict the experience of driving through the new interchange.
 - driving directions** that will help drivers navigate through the area during construction.

Questions & Comments:

For more information visit the study web site at www.k7andi70interchange.org or contact:

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