

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE EA AND NOTICE OF A PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Environmental Assessment: I-35 Interchange Johnson County, Kansas KDOT Project No. 35-46 KA-1109-01 Federal Aid No. ACIM-035-3(406)

The U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration and Kansas Department of Transportation in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are pleased to announce the availability of the *Environmental Assessment (EA) for the I-35 Interchange, Johnson County, Kansas*. The proposed project includes construction of a new interchange at Homestead Lane on I-35 between Gardner and Edgerton, Kansas. In addition, Homestead Lane would be improved between the interchange and 199th Street and extended on a new location between 199th Street and 191st Street. The EA will be available on **January 7, 2011** for public review. The EA has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Historic Preservation Act, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality, to provide guidance in determining the appropriate actions needed to perform the improvements.

Public Review: The Federal Highway Administration and the Kansas Department of Transportation consider public involvement to be an important component to a successful planning process. Both agencies will host a public open house for the I-35 SW Johnson County Interchange project on **Thursday, January 27, 2011. The public is invited to attend the open house style meeting anytime between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Mildale Farm, 35250 West 199th Street in Edgerton, Kansas.** At the open house, participants can review the findings of the EA and learn more about the proposed interchange design. KDOT and FHWA staff and project team members will be available to answer questions.

An electronic version of the EA also may be reviewed at the Kansas Department of Transportation's project website at <http://i35swjohnsoncointerchange.ksdot.org>.

Users of the website are encouraged to email their comments on this document to kqualls@ksdot.org while it is available for public review. Written comments can be mailed by February 7, 2011 to the addresses below:

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The EA also will be available for public review at the following locations:

City of Edgerton, 404 E. Nelson Street, Edgerton KS 66021; Johnson County Library – Edgerton, 319 E. Nelson Street, Edgerton KS 66021; City of Gardner, 120 E. Main Street, Gardner KS 66030; Johnson County Library – Gardner, 137 E. Shawnee, Gardner KS 66030; Johnson County Public Works Department, 1800 W. Old 56 Highway, Olathe KS 66061; Johnson County Offices, 111 S. Cherry, Suite 3300, Olathe KS 66061; KDOT Olathe Metro Office, 1290 S. Enterprise, Olathe KS 66061-5355; KDOT, Dwight D. Eisenhower State Office Building, 700 S.W. Harrison Street, Topeka, KS 66603-3745; and FHWA Kansas Division Office, 6111 S.E. 29th Street, Topeka KS 66614.