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## **KDOT launches online survey concerning US-166/400 Improvements**

If you use US-166/400 as part of your travels through Cherokee County, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) encourages you to participate in an online survey at [www.us166survey1.com](http://www.us166survey1.com) now through October 31, 2012.

A link to the survey is also available on the project web page at [www.tinyurl.com/CherokeeCountyUS166](http://www.tinyurl.com/CherokeeCountyUS166). Take this short survey to tell KDOT which types of improvements, such as frontage roads, greater economic development, and more are most important for US-166 and which potential impacts of the project are your greatest concern. Your responses will help KDOT develop plans for improving US-166.

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is continuing to move forward with plans to expand US-166 in Cherokee County as a four-lane freeway from the US-400/US-166 junction on the west to the Missouri-Kansas state line on the east. Expanding US-166 is recommended in the **US-400 Corridor Study** ([www.tinyurl.com/CherokeeCountyUS166](http://www.tinyurl.com/CherokeeCountyUS166)) that was completed in 2010. The project is also included among eight Southeast Kansas highway modernization and expansion projects that will be funded through T-WORKS, Kansas' 10-year, \$8 billion transportation program designed to create jobs, preserve highway infrastructure, and provide multimodal economic development opportunities across the state.

KDOT worked with the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, Cherokee, Crawford, and Labette Counties, the cities of Baxter Springs, Columbus, Galena, and Parsons, as well as a wide range of other stakeholders to develop and select the projects for the

program. KDOT is continuing to work with these stakeholders as the US-166 expansion project develops. Construction is anticipated to begin during the fall of 2017.

For more information about the US-166 expansion project, visit the project web page at [www.tinyurl.com/CherokeeCountyUS166](http://www.tinyurl.com/CherokeeCountyUS166). You can also contact Priscilla Petersen, KDOT Public Affairs Manager, at [priscilla@ksdot.org](mailto:priscilla@ksdot.org) and 620-431-1000 or Kristy Kelley, KDOT Community Affairs Manager, at [kristyk@ksdot.org](mailto:kristyk@ksdot.org) and 620-431-1000.

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