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Public meeting for U.S.166 expansion is September 27 at Baxter Springs

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is holding a public meeting on Thursday, Sept. 27, to discuss 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. The US-166 corridor community is invited to share its ideas for improving US-166 in Cherokee County at the public meeting from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Baxter Springs Community Center (1101 East Avenue) in Baxter Springs, Kansas on September 27.

During the meeting the public will be able to review exhibits that show the project area, explain the project development process and schedule, describe project funding, and more. Representatives from KDOT and the design team will be present to answer questions and discuss issues or concerns. No formal presentations will be given. The public is welcome to stop by the meeting at any time between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Expanding US-166 is recommended in the ***US-400 Corridor Study*** (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. T-WORKS is 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.

The meeting location is ADA accessible. Persons in need of a sign language interpreter, an assistive listening device, large print or Braille material, or other accommodation to attend this meeting should notify Priscilla Petersen at Priscilla@ksdot.org, phone (620) 431-1000 (Voice), or phone (785) 296-3585 (Voice)/Hearing Impaired – 711.

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