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Open house for K-7 reconstruction July 19 at Columbus

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) will hold a public information open house to gather information and comments on the T-WORKS project to reconstruct and widen 11 miles of K-7 from U.S. 160 north to U.S. 400. The open house will take place:

**Thursday, July 19, 2012
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Columbus Community Building
320 E. Maple, Columbus, KS**

At 3:30 p.m. the same day, also at the community building, KDOT staff will brief local officials on the project.

The existing K-7 between U.S. 160 at Columbus and U.S. 400 at Cherokee is a narrow two-lane highway with no shoulders. The reconstruction project will expand the driving lanes to 12 feet, add 10-foot-wide shoulders, and remove hilly sections. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2016 at an estimated cost of \$41.7 million.

During the open house members of the public can view maps and information concerning project impacts and costs. KDOT staff will be on hand to answer questions and receive comments. People can visit any time between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m., as no formal presentation is planned.

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 Southeast District Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen at Priscilla@ksdot.org, phone (620) 431-1000 (Voice), or phone (785) 296-3585 (Voice)/Hearing Impaired – 711. It would be appreciated if the accommodation request was made at least 10 days in advance of the meeting.

T-WORKS is the statewide transportation program approved by the Kansas Legislature in 2010. For more information about T-WORKS projects and funding, visit the website, www.ksdot.org/tworks.

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