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### **KDOT Survey Work Scheduled for K-10/South Lawrence Trafficway**

On **Tuesday, December 28**, a survey project will begin on the east half of the new proposed section of K-10 in Douglas County, commonly referred to as the South Lawrence Trafficway (SLT). The survey work, conducted by the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), will include exploratory borings of soil and rock samples along the proposed new alignment for the SLT, including the relocated Louisiana and Haskell Street sites.

The survey work doesn't signal the start of the highway's construction. The SLT project hasn't been scheduled for construction and no funds have been allocated to build it. However, the SLT was discussed at KDOT's regional consultation meetings held this fall and received strong regional support for construction under the state's new transportation program, T-WORKS. Highway projects selected for T-WORKS, which was passed by the Kansas Legislature in 2010, won't be announced before February 2011.

"The survey work is needed to keep this project on track," stated KDOT Deputy Secretary of Engineering and State Transportation Engineer, Jerry Younger. "The SLT project will provide a much needed transportation corridor connecting the economic, educational and residential centers of southern Johnson County, Lawrence, Topeka and surrounding areas."

The survey work will be conducted along the preferred alignment generally known as 32nd Street in Lawrence which was approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in 2008. The FHWA issued and signed its Record of Decision (ROD) on May 2, 2008 for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The survey work will review and update previously compiled field information that was collected in late 2008.

A member of the KDOT survey crew will contact property owners and/or tenants for permission to enter private property. KDOT survey crews will use track or truck mounted drilling equipment to obtain the soil and rock specimens that will be used for analysis purposes. Survey work is conducted as part of the preliminary design process for all highway projects in Kansas.

The scheduled completion date for the 14-week survey project is early spring 2011, weather permitting.

For questions or additional information on the SLT project, please contact KDOT Public Information Officer Steve Swartz at (785) 296-3585, [stevesw@ksdot.org](mailto:stevesw@ksdot.org) or KDOT Deputy Secretary for Finance and Administration Joe Erskine at (785) 296-3461, [joe@ksdot.org](mailto:joe@ksdot.org).

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