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KDOT Advances East Kellogg Project with Completion of Environmental Impact Study

WICHITA – The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has concluded there are no significant environmental impacts projected to occur upon implementation of the planned East Kellogg reconstruction from K-96 to 159th Street in Wichita and Andover.

The project includes upgrading East Kellogg to six lanes to help reduce congestion, increase safety, improve trip reliability, and support economic growth within the region.

For the past year, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has worked on an accelerated schedule to get the necessary environmental clearance from the FHWA so the project can move forward into final design and construction. KDOT completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) which evaluated the benefits and impacts of the improvements to East Kellogg. The results were recently published by the FHWA in the Finding of No Significant Impact report.

Originally, KDOT had planned to deliver the East Kellogg project using an alternative delivery method called progressive-design-build. In October of last year, KDOT canceled the progressive-design-build procurement for the East Kellogg project after legal and executive reviews identified flaws in the evaluation and scoring process.

Since then, KDOT staff has analyzed the various project delivery options available and will now be delivering the project using the traditional design-bid-build method, but will accelerate the schedule in order to begin construction faster.

KDOT has started the process of procuring engineering consultant services to finish the design and anticipates a consultant will begin work in the second quarter of this year. Final design will take about two years, which includes the time needed to purchase needed right-of-way and coordinate utility relocations.

KDOT's goal is to begin construction in summer 2025.

Information on the East Kellogg project, including the EA document and other materials presented at recent public meetings, is available at: eastkellogg.ksdotike.org.

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