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Using consistent noise policy will improve uniformity on 69Express

TOPEKA – A noise study being conducted as part of the U.S. 69 Expansion Project (69Express) environmental assessment should be complete by early November, about eight weeks later than originally scheduled. Results will be presented at a virtual public meeting on Dec. 8.

KDOT delayed the noise analysis to conduct reviews of its current noise policy and the noise analysis performed in the corridor as part of previous U.S. 69 and I-435 projects. The agency wants to maintain consistency between those previous projects and 69Express by applying similar noise analysis criteria.

To improve uniformity on the projects, KDOT will use the same version of its noise policy that was used on the previous I-435 and U.S. 69 projects – along with updated traffic volumes and design information for U.S. 69's current and projected conditions.

The Dec. 8 virtual public meeting will include results of the 69Express environmental assessment, including the noise study. For locations where noise walls are recommended, KDOT will hold meetings with affected property owners to discuss whether they desire the recommended abatement measures.

For more information on how to attend the Dec. 8 meeting and other details on the 69Express project, go to www.69express.org. Details for the December public meeting will be posted on the website when they are finalized.

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