

# South Lawrence Trafficway

Lawrence City Commission Meeting

October 16, 2018

PROJECT #:

10-23 KA-3634-01





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### **Project Overview - Why Another Study?**

- •2014-2016: KDOT conducted the K-10 West Leg Concept Study, which included reevaluation of the original EIS.
- •Spring 2016: the public raised concerns regarding the proposed access at Farmer's Turnpike, which led to KDOT & FHWA proposing the need for additional environmental evaluation through Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS).
- •September 2018: SEIS begins, and will last 3 years





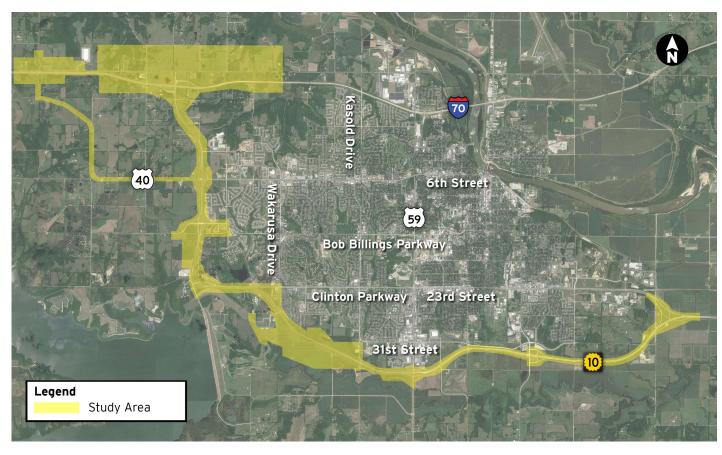
### What is a SEIS?

- •An **Environmental Impact Statement** (EIS) is a document required by the Federal Highway Administration to evaluate the impact proposed improvements will have on the natural and manmade environment.
- A Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) reviews the findings of an existing EIS. A SEIS considers new or additional environmental impacts based on the introduction of new improvement options and/or major changes in the natural environment or communities.
- •The South Lawrence Trafficway SEIS will evaluate if and how upgrading the corridor to a four-lane freeway, modifying access, and exploring new funding mechanisms alter the impacts and recommendations previously identified through the 1990 EIS and 2008 East Leg EIS.





### **SEIS Study Area**



- The West Leg: just north of I-70 at North 1800 Road (Farmer's Turnpike) to US-59/Iowa Street.
- The East Leg: begins at US-59/Iowa Street and continues to the existing K-10/23rd Street system interchange.
- The project study area also includes East 600 Road/Lecompton Road at Interstate 70 and U.S. 40 from K-10 to E 600 Road.



### **SEIS Process**



#### SLT SEIS:

Improvement Concept Alternatives Review and Consider new environmental impacts from 2016 Concept Study in the Study Area.



### Purpose & Need Review and Concept Screening:

Does the purpose and need make sense and fit the project? Are the Concept Alternatives feasible?

Public Information meeting held.



#### **SEIS Evaluation:**

What are the impacts of each alternative? What is the best reasonable alternative?



#### Reasonable Alternatives:

How do the alternatives best meet the purpose and need for the project to work?

Public Information meeting held.



### Public Hearing and Agency Review:

What do the Resource Agencies and the public think of the proposed solution or solutions? Have we missed anything?

SEIS - Draft SEIS available for comment



#### Final SEIS ROD:

Identify the best reasonable alternative, based on purpose and need, impacts and public input. The SEIS is finalized when given federal approval, called a ROD.





### **SEIS Public Engagement Activities and Schedule**

	2018		2019				2020				2021					
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	(	21	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Create Stakeholder Engagement Plan	0											Legend  O Initial Start-up				
KDOT & FHWA Review Meeting of Stakeholder Engagement plan	0															
Stakeholder Coordination												_	Activ	vity		
Advisory Group									_			Event / Activity				
Elected Official Coordination												A Meeting				
Stakeholder Meetings	As needed and requested										Presentation					
Focus Groups			<u> </u>								<b>_</b> '					
Public Coordination																
Public Meetings			_													
Community Presentations	As needed and requested															
Audio/Web Meeting*																
Kiosks or Community Displays at Community Events*			•													
Surveys																
Develop Materials/Collateral/Web																
Project Website Launch		0														
Informational Fliers Distributed*																
Compile Final Public Engagement Report/Log	Ongoing throughout project															





### **Upcoming Events**

- Project Website: still under development, will go live prior to the first public meeting
- Advisory Group: First meeting Thursday, October18th
- •Public Meeting: Tentatively Scheduled November









### **Contact Information**

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