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South Lawrence Trafficway Public Comment Period Extended

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are gathering public input on the South Lawrence Trafficway (SLT) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and the Identified Preferred Alternative. The agencies released the Draft SEIS for public review and began the public comment period on April 26, 2021. To allow the public additional time to review and comment on the Draft SEIS, the comment period end date is extended from June 21, 2021 to **September 30, 2021**.

For the past three years, KDOT and FHWA have been evaluating the benefits and impacts of potential improvement options for the SLT. The purpose of the SEIS is to evaluate options for improving the SLT, including review of reasonable alternatives that will enhance safety and improve congestion while supporting its use as a thriving corridor for the City of Lawrence and the surrounding region.

The agencies hosted a public hearing featuring an in-person component on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Baker University Wetland Discovery Center as well as a virtual component on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A presentation was provided, and attendees had the opportunity to leave comments for the project team. More than 150 people attended the hearing and submitted 36 comments. A full summary of the questions and comments will be posted on the project website at the close of the Public Comment Period.

There are still multiple opportunities for participants to review the information and provide comments until September 30.

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- [A Virtual Open House](#) is available during the comment period for participants to view the materials online and submit comments through an electronic comment form.
- The Draft SEIS Report is available [online](#) on the project website as well as at the Lawrence Public Library, City of Lawrence City Hall, Public Works Office and Douglas County Public Works Office for the comment period.

Visit www.slt-ks.org for full details and to sign up for project updates, including direct links and opportunities to provide your input!

If you need special assistance, would like to request a hard copy version or would like to discuss with a project team member please contact Kelsey Heavin at 816-527-2468 or info@slt-ks.org.

This information can be made available in alternative accessible formats upon request.
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