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## KDOT Announces McPherson Projects

McPherson – Transportation Secretary Mike King has announced two Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) projects that will benefit the City of McPherson. The projects are a part of the efficient and safe freight transportation network of which I-135 is a major part.

The I-135/Mohawk Road Interchange project will provide access to the expanding McPherson industrial area, providing semi-truck traffic a more direct route and bypassing city streets. “The Mohawk interchange will both feed into the industrial park and give access to the community on the north side,” noted David Greiser, KDOT public affairs manager.

The interchange, located about two miles north of the U.S. 81 ramp, will be a diamond interchange. Work has begun on the project, and officials have allocated 14 months to build the mile-long project, which includes constructing an overpass, ramps, grading and paving. The Secretary noted the I-135 corridor is one of the busiest in the United States. “The Mohawk Interchange will allow McPherson County opportunity to expand and attract future investors,” he said.

The US-56 project currently underway involves the replacement of US-56 from the I-135 Interchange west to Eby Street. This includes replacement of the four-lane pavement, shoulders and median. The project also includes bridge rehabilitations, review of crash wall requirements at railroad bridge piers, a hiking/biking trail, a sidewalk and installation of conduit and light pole footings for a city lighting system.

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