

Increasing capacity on our nation's transportation system will:

- Unlock Gridlock,
- Generate Jobs,
- Deliver Freight,
- Access Energy,
- Connect Communities

Did you know?

- The amount of freight moved in this country—from milk, toothpaste and toilet paper to sparkplugs, wheat and wind turbines—is expected to double in the next 40 years?
- The Interstate Highway System represents only 4 percent of total miles but carries 70 percent of commercial truck traffic?
- Each of the top ten worst freight-truck bottlenecks cause over one million hours of delay a year?

"The Gateway interchange is a vital transportation link to the vibrant and growing Kansas City region. Without strategic improvements to this interchange system, important personal and business trips—as well as freight shipments—will suffer significant delays. Those delays will affect the economic vitality of the region and the state of Kansas. It's critically important that improvements be made to allow the continued economic growth of the Kansas City region."

—Deb Miller, Kansas Department of Transportation Secretary



Freight Capacity Needs Johnson County Gateway Project

The future growth and quality of life in the fastest-growing county in Kansas are being threatened by growing congestion and accident delays at the largest, most complex interchange in the state.

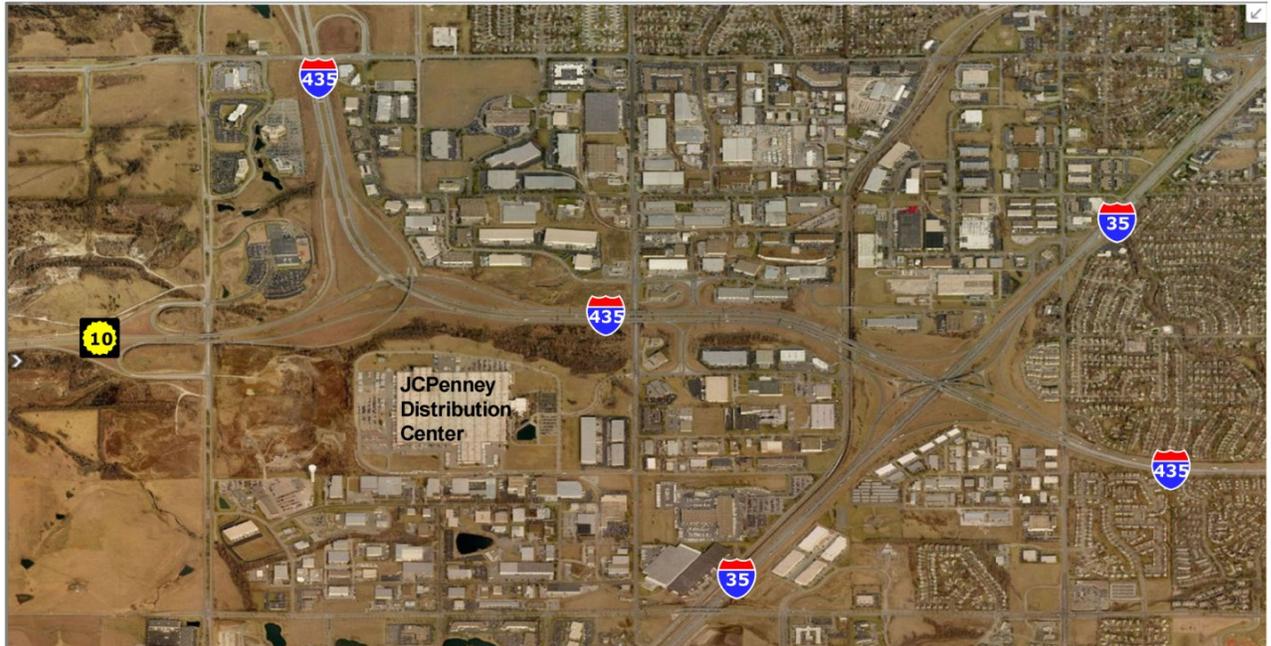
The Johnson County Gateway is the convergence of two system-type interchanges, spaced a mile apart, surrounded by six service interchanges. However, the Gateway that ties together I-435, I-35, and K-10 has outlived its original design life and is under the pressure of unprecedented flows of people and goods.

The Gateway provides entry into the Kansas City metro area from the southwest on I-35, a major international trade corridor. It will soon to be the point of entry for 10,000 intermodal trucks daily from Burlington Northern Santa Fe's new intermodal facility near Edgerton, Ks. The capacity problems are caused by commercial development, dramatic increase in trucks and outdated road design.

Kansas DOT has worked with local stakeholders to determine a solution that maintains access to local industries and businesses while providing safe and efficient connections for the large flow of freight and goods through the Gateway. This will be achieved by separating traffic into through lanes and collector-distributor roads. The new Gateway will have the capacity to serve these growing demands for more than 40 years and allow continued economic growth.

The high quality of life and unsurpassed business environment in Johnson County attract nearly 10,000 new residents and more than 11,000 new jobs each year. The area's central location and many rail, highway, and water connections make Johnson County prime real estate for the freight industry.

Capacity Needs *continued*



The Johnson County Gateway is located in a light industrial area. Downtown Kansas City, Missouri, is 10 miles northeast. The new BNSF Intermodal Logistics Facility is 20 miles south of here, and the Corporate Woods commercial district is 2 miles east