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KU To Expand into East Hills Business Park on K-10

Kansas University has bought space in the East Hills Business Park to house programs for its School of Architecture, Design and Planning. The building on Greenway Drive was built in 2002 to attract commercial warehousing or light manufacturing operations. It is currently vacant.

The 67,376 square foot building will house several design/build projects for KU according to School of Architecture Dean John Gaunt, including the school's Studio 804 program which allows students to follow a project from design to construction. He said the current space allotment on the main campus had capped the number of applicants the school could admit to some programs. . .

New Toll Roads in Kansas' Future?

One of the ideas that has been offered regarding new highway links in Kansas are toll roads. The Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) and the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) have released a report that is designed to be a resource on the toll strategies that have been implemented throughout the United States. These strategies will help the state make policy-level decisions on when, if, and how to expand tolling in Kansas.

If you are interest in the entire report, visit the KTA website: <http://ksturnpike.com/tollsastools.shtml> . . .

Eudora Undertakes Economic Development Plan

The City of Eudora is undertaking its first comprehensive effort to more actively plan and pursue economic development in the future. Specific market needs and infrastructure plans are being evaluated in three areas of the city: Church Street just north of K-10, the Intec Business Park and Downtown Eudora. A citizen workshop is being held in September to solicit input on the kinds of commercial needs and improvements residents would like to see in Eudora in the future. Further information is available on the city's web site www.cityofeudora.com . . .

Model for Landscaping K-10 Corridor's Future?

The K-10 Association, Inc. has long advocated for enhanced landscaping along K-10 to complement the quality, smart development in the K-10 communities. An editorial in the *Kansas City Star* on August 3, 2009 commended U.S. Highway 71/Bruce Watkins Drive and noted that

"a commitment to well landscaped highways has many long term benefits. The challenge is to . . . upgrade more concrete canyon freeways in the future."

As plans proceed to widen K-10, U.S. 71/Bruce Watkins Drive is an excellent nearby model for KDOT, the K-10 cities, Johnson and Douglas counties.

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