

G. Coordination

In April of 2006, the FHWA submitted a Notice of Intent to the *Federal Register* to adopt the 2003 Final Environmental Impact Statement that was written for the proposed South Lawrence Trafficway highway project. The EIS was prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District, as part of a Section 404 Permit Application.

As part of the early coordination process, the FHWA sent to all the recipients of the Final EIS a letter informing them that the FHWA in cooperation with the Kansas Department of Transportation intends to adopt the Final EIS in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's Regulations. The letter was dated April 6, 2006, and also informed the recipients the intent by FHWA to prepare and process an individual Section 4(f) Evaluation and then conclude the decision-making process with the preparation and approval of its own Record of Decision. A 45-day comment period was provided for comments concerning FHWA's intent to adopt the Final EIS and the comment period ended May 31, 2006.

On May 9, 2006, the FHWA and KDOT met with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in Washington D.C. to discuss the project status, and Section 106 requirements.

On June 20, 2006, Dr. Roger Boyd of Baker University led a field review of the Baker Wetlands for KDOT and FHWA personnel. Dr. Boyd discussed the history and features of the Baker Wetlands.