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NEWS RELEASE

Intelligent Transportation Systems deployed at 3 County highway intersections

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Three rural County highway intersections went operational yesterday with Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) solutions. These solutions are activated by approaching traffic and when triggered set off flashing LED lights that enhances existing warning and regulatory signs. They are intended to provide additional warning to motorists of approaching traffic at the intersections.

The following intersections received the ITS solutions: County Road 7/115 (south of Hutchinson), County Road 2/3 and County Road 3/15; both north of Glencoe.

ITS is the application of advanced technologies of electronics, communications, computers, control, sensing, and detecting and is used in many transportation systems in order to improve safety, efficiency, mobility, and service by transmitting real-time data and information.

The ITS project was part of a larger County wide safety project involving the installation of street lights at 23 intersections. The street lights are currently installed but some are still waiting to be energized by local power companies.

This \$227,000 project was funded by a Federal Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP) grant.

Any questions regarding this project can be directed to John Brunkhorst, County Engineer at (320) 484-4321.

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