



FACT SHEET: PROJECT OVERVIEW

The K-96 Improvements Project aims to upgrade the K-96 corridor between I-135 and I-35. Through traffic engineering studies and environmental review, the project will explore pavement replacement, adding new lanes and will include upgrades to Hillside, Oliver, Woodlawn, Rock, Webb, Greenwich, and 21st interchanges. Improvements are needed to enhance safety, relieve traffic congestion, and increase capacity to keep Kansans moving.



INCREASE CAPACITY

Expands K-96
K-96 has more than 50,000 vehicles today and is expected to have nearly 100,000 vehicles by 2050.



CONGESTION RELIEF

Better for you and the environment
Easing congestion will regulate travel during peak periods. Fewer cars idling on the roadway will decrease excess emissions.



ENHANCED SAFETY

Safer and reliable roadway for users
The project will ease growing safety, travel-time reliability and congestion issues along K-96, where on average more than 200 accidents have occurred per year from 2015 to 2020.



INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

Access K-96 with ease
Improved interchanges will reduce queuing on sideroads and ramps.



The project is currently underway with early stages of investigative work. From 2022 to 2023 we will explore potential design concepts along with environmental review to assess environmental, economic and social impacts. We'll need your input on the findings from both the design and environmental review work – learn more at community pop-up events and public Open House meetings slated for 2023 by visiting the homepage of our website (K96IMPROVEMENTS.com) and checking out the K-96 Road Show!

Starting in 2024, we will finalize the design of the K-96 improvements and complete preconstruction activities, construction could begin as early as 2026.

**The timeline is subject to change as the project evolves. While the project has an anticipated construction schedule, funding has not been allocated at this time. Following The Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE Program) requirements, funding is not allocated for construction projects more than two years ahead of construction.*

You have Questions? WE HAVE ANSWERS



WHAT IS THE K-96 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT?

The K-96 Improvements Project is designing improvements to the freeway between the I-135 and I-35 Interchanges including the expansion of the highway from 4 to 6 lanes (between I-135 and 21st Street), pavement replacement (between 21st Street and I-35 Interchange) and reconfiguration of seven interchanges. The project will enhance safety, improve capacity, travel time reliability and relieve congestion.



WHY ARE K-96 IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED?

Wichita and the surrounding area is growing! With growth comes an increase of commuters and commercial operations. The City of Wichita itself is experiencing population growth at a rate of 3.1% annually. A Screening Study was completed in 2021 and determined that within the next ten years, K-96 will require the gradual expansion of several freeway segments from 4 to 6 lanes, as well as replacing existing pavement, in order to avoid congestion and sideroad and ramp queuing.



WHO IS LEADING THE K-96 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT?

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is leading the project in collaboration with local partners. During the lifecycle of the project, KDOT and its consultant team will coordinate closely with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the City of Wichita among other regulatory agencies.



HOW CAN THE COMMUNITY GET INVOLVED?

The public will be invited to two Community Open Houses where we will seek your input on the Environmental Assessment findings and early design concepts for K-96 improvements, which includes Preliminary Design. Sign-up at [K96IMPROVEMENTS.com](https://www.k96improvements.com) for updates and receive information on the upcoming Open Houses and other community engagement events. We invite you to follow, share, and stay engaged with us on our social media channels (Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube).

Do you have questions or ideas you want to share? We want to hear from you.

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