

Project Overview

The U.S. 69 Expansion Project (69Express) was launched in 2020 after years of effort examining the best way to improve the state's busiest four-lane highway. The goal was to address safety concerns, improve travel time reliability and reduce congestion issues in the corridor, which stretches from 103rd Street to 179th Street. Crash rates in the corridor are 53% above the statewide average. Existing pavement and bridges are more than 50 years old and overdue for replacement. Meanwhile, congestion is growing; peak travel times are expected to triple over the next few years. As a result of great progress on the Project in 2021, 69Express advanced significantly towards the start of construction in 2022.

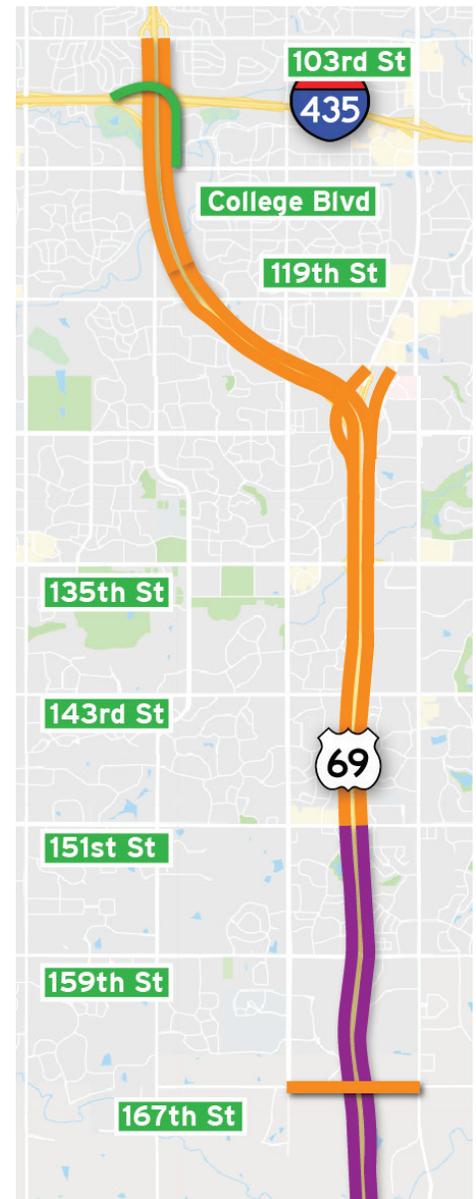
In order to expand the U.S. 69 corridor to six lanes, there is some additional right of way needed along the outside of the highway from 151st Street to 103rd Street, and specifically at 167th Street, as well as along some of the intersecting arterial roadways.

The Right of Way Process

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Right of Way Office is in the process of contacting all property owners about specific right of way needs and developing offers for those pieces of property. KDOT will work with each property owner individually. Generally, the process will follow these steps.

1. KDOT develops the right of way documents, which include legal descriptions and tract maps, then contacts property owners.
2. KDOT has an Appraiser conduct an appraisal of the property.
3. The offer for the needed right of way or easement is provided to the property owner and the property owner can negotiate and discuss the offer with KDOT.
4. The property owner can accept or reject the offer, if the offer is rejected by the property owner, KDOT would then initiate the condemnation process. In the condemnation process the District Court will determine the value of the property, the property owner will be compensated according to the value, and KDOT will acquire the property.
5. For specific properties where relocation might be required, KDOT has a more extensive process and will continue to work with the property owner on relocation.

More detailed information on the KDOT right of way acquisition process can be found in the [KDOT right of way brochure](#).



Right of way will be needed in the orange sections as the first phase of construction. The purple and green will be future phases of work.

Schedule

The right of way acquisition process will be specific to each property owner. KDOT has started contacting property owners along the U.S. 69 corridor. If you haven't been contacted, you can expect a letter from KDOT later this summer. KDOT anticipates working with property owners through the rest of 2022 and having all right of way acquisitions completed by May of 2023.

Common Questions

- **My fence will be impacted by the right of way acquisition, will you replace the fence?**

Property owners will be compensated for the impacts to their property which will cover replacing the fence.

- **The trees on my property will be impacted with the right of way acquisition and building the noise walls, will you replace the trees?**

Property owners will be compensated for the impacts to their property, unfortunately it is difficult to replace trees or landscaping in the same mature state.

- **The apartment building monument and flag poles are being impacted, will they be replaced?**

Property owners will be compensated for the impacts to their property which will cover replacing the monument and flag poles.

Contacts

For more information on the project, please visit the website: 69express.org

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