

LOCAL CONSULT

District 5: South Central Kansas



Welcome to Local Consult 2023!

Three years ago, the Kansas Legislature overwhelmingly passed the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program-or IKE for short. KDOT got right to work and already, IKE is making a difference in communities across the state.

IKE is a 10-year transportation program that addresses highways, bridges, public transit, aviation, short-line rail and bike/pedestrian needs across Kansas. The program and associated projects are focused on making roads safer, supporting economic growth and creating more options and resources for Kansans and their communities.

IKE is a roughly \$10 billion investment in the future of Kansas. Just over half the program will go to highway preservation. Nearly a quarter will go to highway Modernization and Expansion projects. The remaining quarter will go towards local funding programs, such as Cost Share, Local Bridge and Economic Development, as well as other modal programs.

IKE legislation requires KDOT to establish a minimum level of investment, by KDOT district, for highway Modernization and Expansion projects over the life of the program. In addition, KDOT has estimated what is likely to be invested in highway preservation in each district during the program. The table below shows those minimum investments.

IKE Minimum Investment Levels

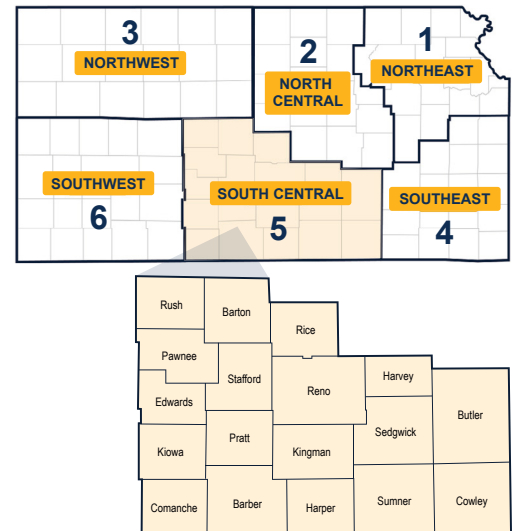
	Modernization & Expansion	Preservation	Total
District 1	\$500 Million	\$1.3 Billion	\$1.8 Billion
District 2	\$70 Million	\$600 Million	\$670 Million
District 3	\$50 Million	\$700 Million	\$750 Million
District 4	\$100 Million	\$550 Million	\$650 Million
District 5	\$300 Million	\$800 Million	\$1.1 Billion
District 6	\$100 Million	\$500 Million	\$600 Million
Total	\$1.1 Billion	\$4.4 Billion	\$5.6 Billion

State Highway Projects Defined

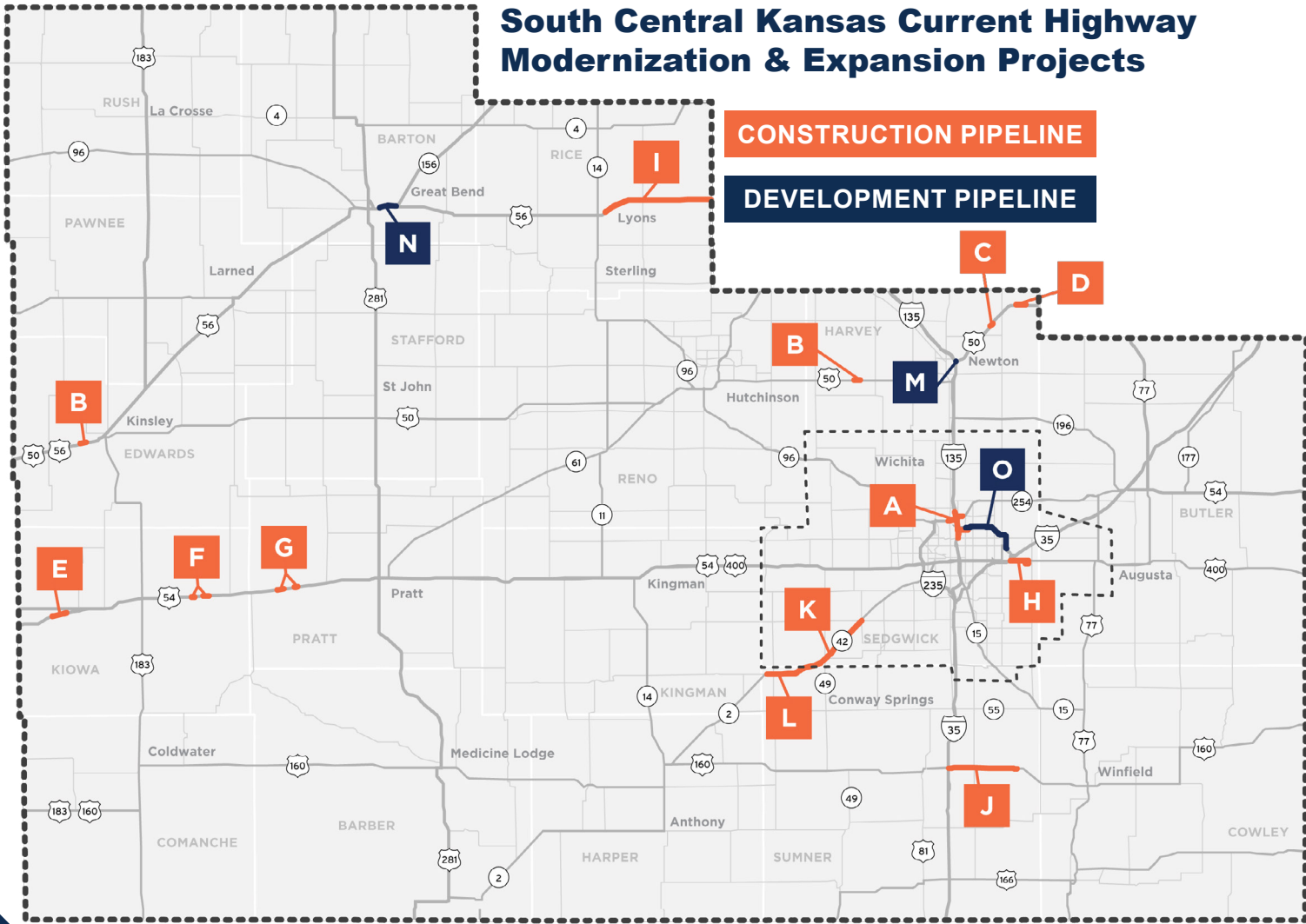
Preservation: Projects that keep the highway system in good condition. These projects are selected by KDOT based on pavement and structure conditions.

Modernization: Major corridor and interchange projects focused on bringing the roadway up to modern design standards, such as by adding paved shoulders. These projects are scored for engineering factors, including safety and pavement condition, and input from Local Consult meetings.

Expansion: Major corridor or interchange projects focused on alleviating congestion to keep people and goods moving. It includes traditional congestion in urban areas and congestion in rural areas due to crashes, weather events or just getting stuck behind a slow-moving vehicle. These projects are scored for congestion, value of freight, safety, economic impact and input at Local Consult meetings.



South Central Kansas Current Highway Modernization & Expansion Projects



Projects in the Construction Pipeline

Map ID	Project	Construction Status	Est. Const. Cost in \$M
A	I-235 in Sedgwick Co. Interchange improvements. KA-3232-02	Under construction	\$140
B	US-50 in Edwards Co. Passing lanes. KA-5779-01	Under construction	\$5
C	US-50 in Harvey Co. Extend passing lanes. KA-1827-05	Under construction	\$2
D	US-50 in Harvey Co. Extend passing lanes. KA-5786-01	Under construction	\$4
E	US-54 in Kiowa Co. Passing lanes. KA-5783-01	Under construction	\$8
F	US-54 in Kiowa Co. Passing lanes. KA-5785-01	Under construction	\$9
G	US-54 in Pratt Co. Passing lanes. KA-5784-01	Under construction	\$7
H	US-54 (Kellogg Ave.) in Sedgwick Co. Reconstruct to 6-lane freeway. KA-6535-04	Scheduled FY25	\$300
I	US-56 in Rice Co. Add shoulders. KA-6537-01	Scheduled FY27	\$15
J	US-160 in Sumner Co. Rehabilitate, add shoulders. KA-5805-01	Scheduled FY25	\$18
K	K-42 in Sedgwick Co. Rehabilitate, add shoulders. KA-5807-01	Scheduled FY26	\$15
L	K-42 in Sumner Co. Rehabilitate, add shoulders. KA-5806-01	Scheduled FY26	\$11

Projects in the Development Pipeline

Map ID	Project	Est. Const. Cost in \$M
M	I-135 in Harvey Co. Interchange capacity improvements. KA-6589-01	\$5
N	US-56 in Barton Co. Reconstruct to 4-lane expressway. KA-6022-01	\$16
O	K-96 in Sedgwick Co. Upgrade to 6-lane freeway. KA-6099-02	\$204

Local Consult 2023

Local Consult is KDOT's public engagement process for the IKE program. It takes place every two years to get Kansans' input on a list of potential highway expansion and modernization projects for each region of the state.

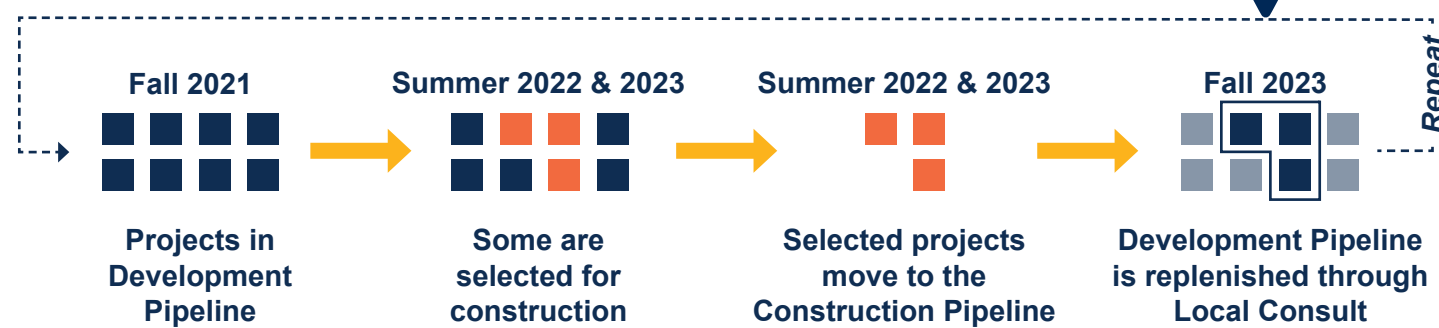
How does the Local Consult process work?

The Local Consult process starts with a list of potential projects—some recommended by communities, others by KDOT staff. Prior to Local Consult, these projects are evaluated based on engineering and economic factors and given a score based on where they rank relative to each other. But these scores only tell KDOT part of the story. That's why it's so important to hear from you.

The priorities you share at Local Consult help KDOT determine which projects move forward into the development pipeline.

Because regional conditions and priorities change over time, KDOT comes back every two years to make sure the state is investing in projects that fit the needs of your region today and into the future.

Local Consult Process



Development Pipeline

Allows preliminary engineering work (the design and additional advance work) to begin.

Construction Pipeline

When ready and budget allows, some of the projects from the development pipeline move to the construction pipeline.

South Central Kansas IKE Investments 2020 - 2023

Projects completed and open for use

State Highways	\$M	Non-Highway Projects	\$M
Preservation	\$154	Public Transit	\$17
Modernization	\$7	Aviation	\$.25
Expansion	\$40	Rail	\$4
Cost Share	\$8	Bicycle/Pedestrian	\$.4
Local Roads	\$41		

Total \$272

South Central Kansas Project Spotlight: Wichita's North Junction

For years, tens of thousands of drivers at the Wichita North Junction found themselves in gridlock. That's becoming a problem of the past. In May, KDOT cut the ribbon on a new, two-lane flyover from northbound I-135 to southbound I-235. It replaces a single-lane loop ramp that could no longer support increased traffic.

Funded partially through the IKE program, the two-lane flyover bridge is 1,323-foot long, has seven piers, and was constructed on a weathering steel superstructure on a curved alignment. The project is already improving traffic flow at the North Junction.

This project received significant support during Local Consult and it's that support that made it easier for KDOT to advance the flyover into construction.

Along with significant IKE funding, the North Junction project was funded in part through a cost share with the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County each contributing \$7.5 million. A federal BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) grant also provided \$21 million.



South Central Kansas Project Spotlight: Comanche County Improvements Planned

KDOT has created a Clear Zone Safety Improvement Program to focus on state highways that do not have enough right of way to make roadside improvements like wider shoulders or extended structures.

A clear zone is a traversable roadside area free from trees, structures, poles or other obstructions that might prevent a driver from stopping safely or returning to the pavement after leaving the highway.



Comanche County has four clear zone safety improvement projects planned over the next few years. They remain on track to be let in 2025 (one in 2024) for replacement in 2026. These projects will widen shoulders, flatten ditch slopes, extend structures, replace or upgrade bridges and culverts and realign an intersection.

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