

LOCAL CONSULT

District 6: Southwest 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

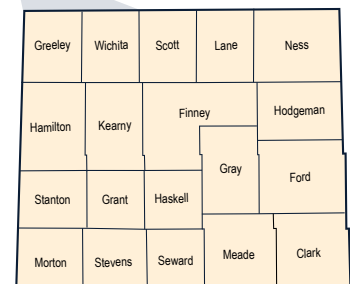
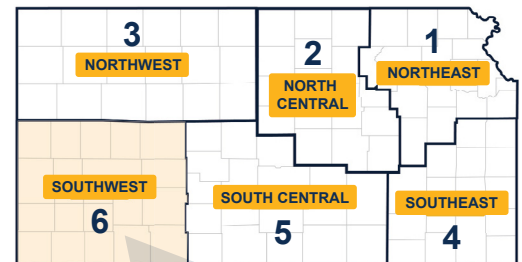
	Modernization & Expansion	Preservation	Total
District 1	\$500 Million	\$1.3 Billion	\$1.8 Billion
District 2	\$70 Million	\$600 Million	\$670 Million
District 3	\$50 Million	\$700 Million	\$750 Million
District 4	\$100 Million	\$550 Million	\$650 Million
District 5	\$300 Million	\$800 Million	\$1.1 Billion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

State Highway Projects Defined

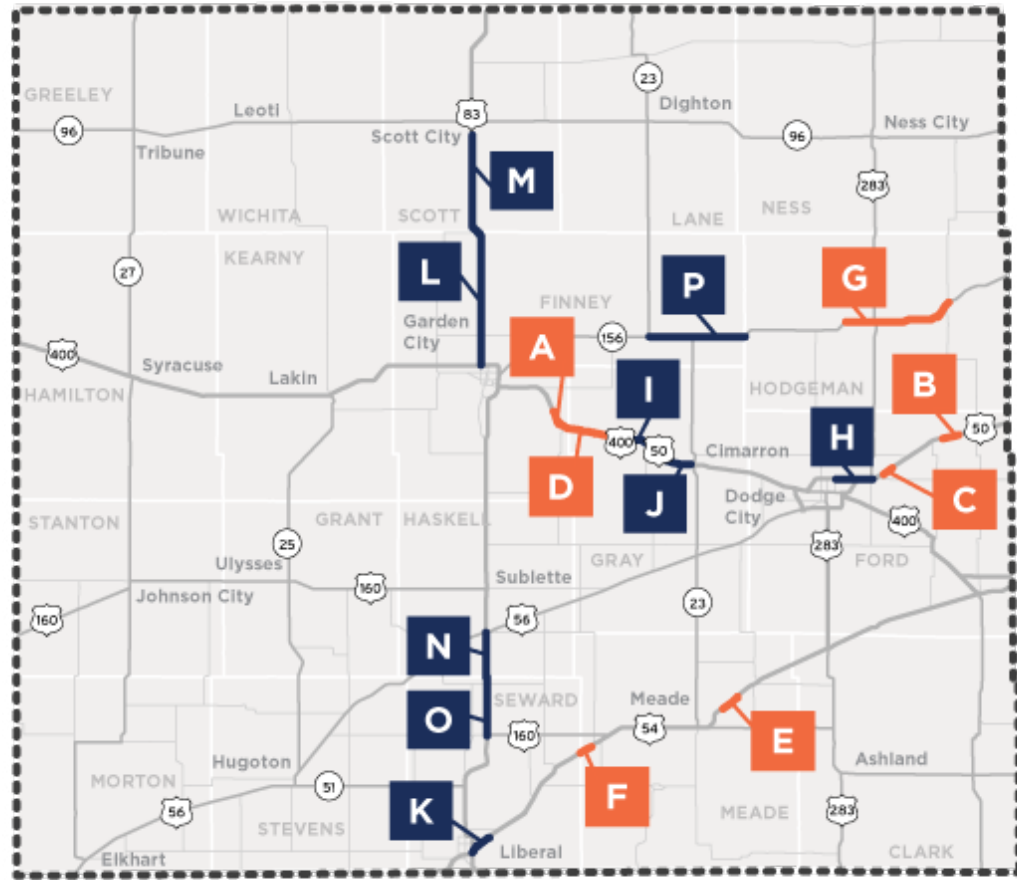
Preservation: Projects that keep the highway system in good condition. These projects are selected by KDOT based on pavement and structure conditions.

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.



Southwest Kansas Current Highway Modernization & Expansion Projects



CONSTRUCTION PIPELINE

DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE

Projects in the Construction Pipeline			
Map ID	Project	Construction Status	Est. Const. Cost in \$M
A	US-50 in Finney Co. Reconstruct to 4-lane expressway. KA-6023-01	Scheduled FY26	\$44
B	US-50 in Ford Co. Passing lanes. KA-3234-02	Under construction	\$6
C	US-50 in Ford Co. Passing lanes. KA-5780-01	Under construction	\$8
D	US-50 in Gray Co. Reconstruct to 4-lane expressway. KA-6024-01	Scheduled FY26	\$53
E	US-54 in Meade Co. Passing lanes. KA-5781-01	Under construction	\$7
F	US-54 in Meade Co. Passing lanes. KA-5782-01	Under construction	\$9
G	K-156 in Hodgeman Co. Rehabilitate, add shoulders. KA-5802-01	Scheduled FY24	\$30

Projects in the Development Pipeline		
Map ID	Project	Est. Const. Cost in \$M
H	US-50 in Ford Co. Reconstruct to 4-lane expressway. KA-6557-02	\$16
I	US-50 in Gray Co. Reconstruct to 4-lane expressway. KA-6025-01	\$50
J	US-50 in Gray Co. Reconstruct to 4-lane expressway. KA-6026-01	\$61
K	US-54 in Seward Co. Reconstruct to 4-lane, intersection improvements. KA-6559-01	\$13
L	US-83 in Finney Co. Passing lanes. KA-6105-02	\$12
M	US-83 in Scott Co. Passing lanes. KA-6105-03	\$8
N	US-83 in Haskell Co. Passing lanes. KA-6565-03	\$8
O	US-83 in Seward Co. Passing lanes. KA-6565-02	\$8
P	K-156 in Finney Co. Construct shoulders, resurface. KA-6558-01	\$15

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.

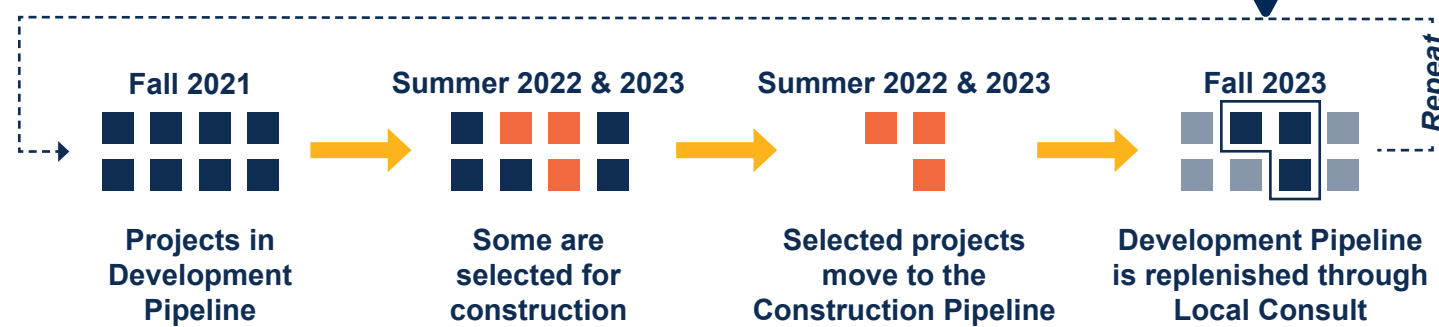
How does the Local Consult process work?

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.

Southwest Kansas IKE Investments 2020 - 2023

Projects completed and open for use

State Highways	\$M	Non-Highway Projects	\$M
Preservation	\$113	Public Transit	\$6
Modernization	\$2	Aviation	\$.3
Expansion	\$0	Rail	\$2
Cost Share	\$3	Bicycle/Pedestrian	\$0
Local Roads	\$19		

Total \$145

Southwest Kansas Project Spotlight: US-54 four-lane expansion in Seward County

KDOT is investing more than \$100 million in Seward County highway infrastructure to enhance safety, reduce congestion and support economic growth within the region. There are 12 projects in various stages along US-83 and US-54.

One of those is the expansion US-54 from two lanes to a four-lane divided limited access expressway. The current four-lane will be extended an additional three miles to the east with a second bridge constructed over the Cimarron River for westbound traffic and new rails installed on the existing bridge.

Work is expected to be completed by the end of 2023.



Southwest Kansas Project Spotlight: US-50B/Fulton St. in Garden City



Work is underway right now on a significant expansion project in Garden City.

This project along US-50/Fulton Street between Washington Street and near Center Street includes storm sewer/gutter improvements and the replacement of the concrete pavement where the improvements will be made.

The work on this \$2 million dollar project is expected to be completed by the end of October.

Southwest Kansas Project Spotlight: US-50 four-lane expansion in Ford County

US-50 was built in the 1970s as a two-lane highway. A lot has changed in 50 years and current traffic volumes are expected to nearly double by 2038.

To keep up with demand, KDOT is expanding US-50 from the Gray/Ford County line east to 1.7 miles east of US-50/US-400 junction.

This four-lane expansion project includes three phases. The first phase began in Gray County near Cimarron and in Ford County near Dodge City.

Construction is expected to be complete by the spring of 2025, weather permitting. The total project extends from Cimarron to Dodge City.



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