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# **The Study of US-69**

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What can be done to help  
US-69 in Crawford County  
safely and efficiently handle  
traffic in the 21st century?



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# If Nothing is Done\*

What if the highway received  
only routine maintenance?

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- Drivers will experience delays and frustration
  - a. Congestion will get worse
  - b. More traffic signals will have to be installed
- The number of accidents will probably increase
- Maintenance costs will rise

\*Sometimes called the “no-build option”



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# What Prompted the Study?

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- Heavy traffic and congestion along the route  
(over 10,000 vehicles per day and expected to increase)
- Numerous intersections along the current route
- Vigorous development along the route
- Desire for US-69 to be a freeway within the state



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# A Look at the Future

Here's what the  
future would hold

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- 1** Begin detailed design of the highway
- 2** Design to point where right-of-way needs\* are known
- 3** Local governments assist in preserving corridor for future
- 4** If funding is identified, buy right-of-way, then construct\*  
highway as funding allows



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*\*There are no funds identified at this time to buy  
right-of-way or build any portion of the highway*

# Upgrading the Current Route

Upgrading the current road along  
its entire route was not chosen

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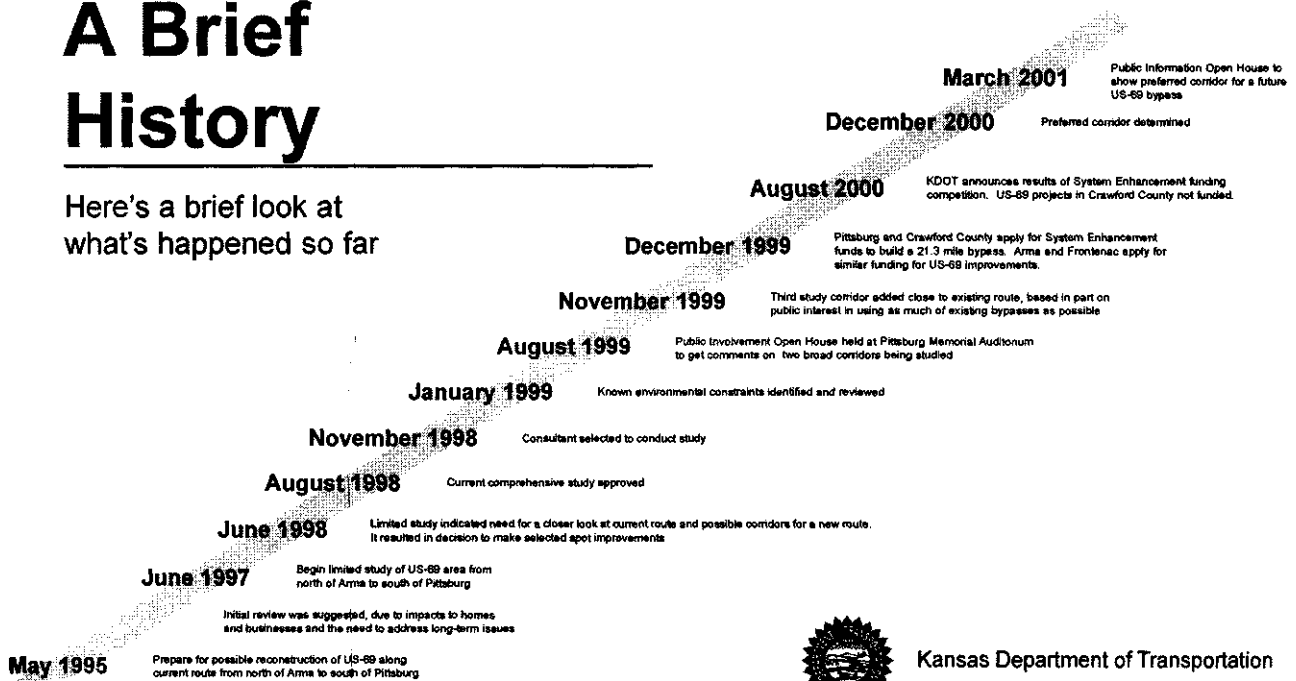
- Would effectively handle major increases in traffic
- Effects on homes and businesses
  - a. Approximately 150-170 residents could have been displaced
  - b. Approximately 40-60 businesses could have been displaced
- Access to homes and businesses would change
- Would accommodate long-term issues



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# A Brief History

Here's a brief look at what's happened so far



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# The Options

Five strategies were ultimately studied for US-69

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- The "No-Build Option"
- Upgrade the existing route to a freeway
- Build a freeway on a new route east of the existing US-69
- Build a freeway on a new route west of the existing US-69
- Build a new freeway using as much of existing bypasses as possible

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