

U.S. 56 Reconstruction Project
Douglas County



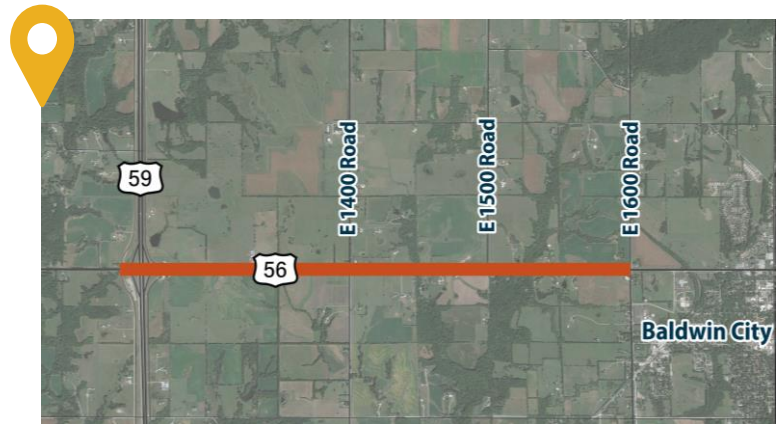
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Project Information

The U.S. 56 Reconstruction Project will enhance safety and travel on the 3.5-mile corridor between Baldwin City and the U.S. 59 interchange in Douglas County. Current roadway design has limited sight distance for passing vehicles, narrow shoulders, and steep slopes off the roadway.

Reconstruction efforts will include enhancements to improve safety and widening of the roadway to improve line of sight distance, increase passing opportunities for drivers, widen shoulders, and flatten slopes off the roadway. These design efforts will enhance traffic flow and safety for road users along this section of U.S. 56.

The latest project information and open online comments will be made available on the project webpage:
ike.ksdot.gov/us56-douglas-county



At-A-Glance:

Cost Estimate	\$16.4 Million
Distance	3.5 Miles
Scope	Roadway reconstruction based on 44-foot roadway with 10-foot shoulders, add acceleration and deceleration lanes as warranted, replace culvert.
Status	Final Design Phase

IKE—The Eisenhower Legacy

Transportation Program—is a roughly \$10 billion investment in the future of Kansas. This 10-year program and the transportation improvements it will deliver play a key role in making roads safer, supporting economic growth and creating more options and resources for Kansans and their communities.



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Project Timeline & Dates

- Online comments available until June 13th
- Public open house event Thursday, May 23rd
- Construction is anticipated to begin spring 2026 and end by winter 2026



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q1. Why is KDOT planning this project?

A1. KDOT identified these improvements to this corridor that increase roadway width, remove hills to improve sight distance, and flatten slopes adjacent to the roadway.

Q2. Why are you widening the roadway?

A2. Widening the roadway will offer increased road safety along this highway section and improve traffic flow.

Q3. Is this project in the IKE Construction Pipeline?

A3. This project is not currently in the IKE Construction Pipeline.

Q4. How will this impact the Maple Leaf Festival?

A4. Project work will require this section of U.S. 56 to fully close for one construction season. Maple Leaf Festival attendees who use U.S. 56 to travel to Baldwin City can follow the marked detour routes or use other routes that are not marked.



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