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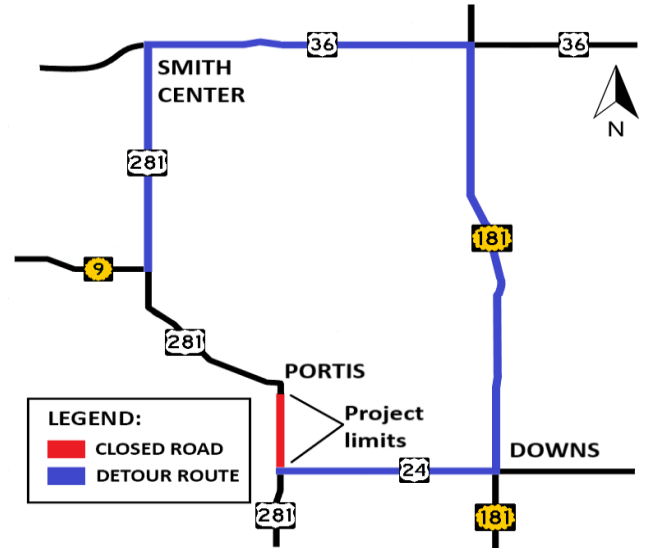
PROJECT OVERVIEW

The U.S. 281 modernization project will improve approximately 3.5 miles of highway in Osborne County between the north U.S. 24/281 junction and south city limits of Portis. The roadway will be reconstructed and widened into a 30-foot paved surface with 3-foot turf shoulders. The bridge over the North Fork Solomon River will be replaced as well.

Project work will begin in early 2025, with construction taking place off the roadway. KDOT plans to close the road in March 2025 and reopen it in late fall. A state route detour using U.S. 281, U.S. 36, K-181 and U.S. 24 will be in effect during the closure.

The latest project information will be made available on the project webpage:
ike.ksdot.gov/us281-osborne-county

The webpage will be updated as the project progresses.



Project location map

PROJECT DETAILS

Cost Estimate	\$18.9 million
Length	3.5 miles
Scope	Reconstruct and add three-foot turf shoulders, along with bridge and culvert replacements
Status	Construction

IKE—The Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program—is a nearly \$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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