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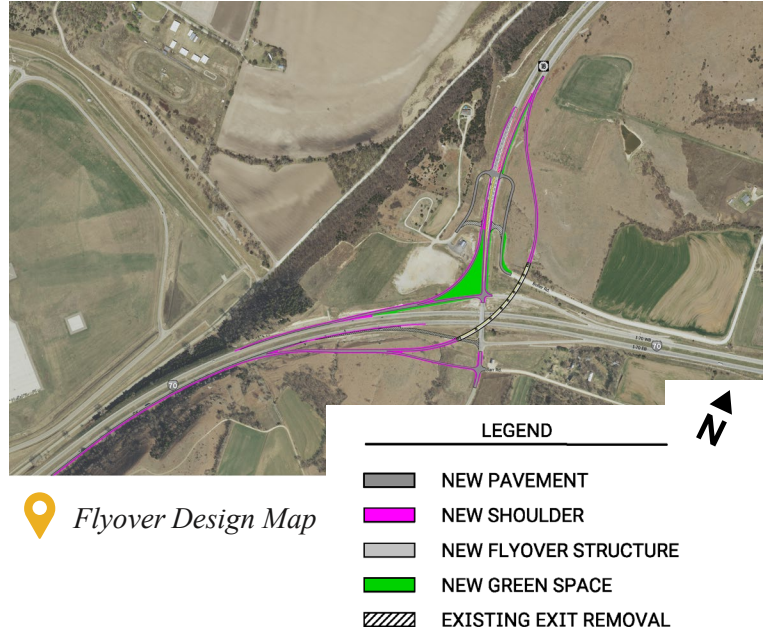
PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is updating the K-18/I-70 interchange in Geary County. Several near-fatal crashes have raised concerns about the safety of the current interchange design. Heavy traffic during weekday peak hours and Kansas State University football games further magnifies these safety risks due to congestion.

KDOT studied several options to improve the interchange from I-70 eastbound to K-18 northbound, and a flyover bridge design has been identified as the preferred option. The flyover bridge will span over the existing bridge across I-70. Additional improvements are planned for the southbound to westbound I-70 onramp. The project will also update the K-18/I-70 interchange and add a two-mile auxiliary lane on I-70 (eastbound only). The existing interchange, including the bridge, will remain open both during and after construction.

The latest information will be made available on the project webpage:
ike.ksdot.gov/k18-i70-interchange

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.



Flyover Design Map

PROJECT DETAILS

Cost Estimate	\$31 million
Length	Around two miles
Scope	The interchange will undergo comprehensive improvements. This includes construction of a flyover bridge, a modernized K-18/I-70 interchange, and a two-mile auxiliary lane. Additionally, the southbound ramp connecting to westbound I-70 will be improved.
Status	Design



PROJECT TIMELINE

This IKE Modernization project was approved for the Construction Pipeline in August 2022.

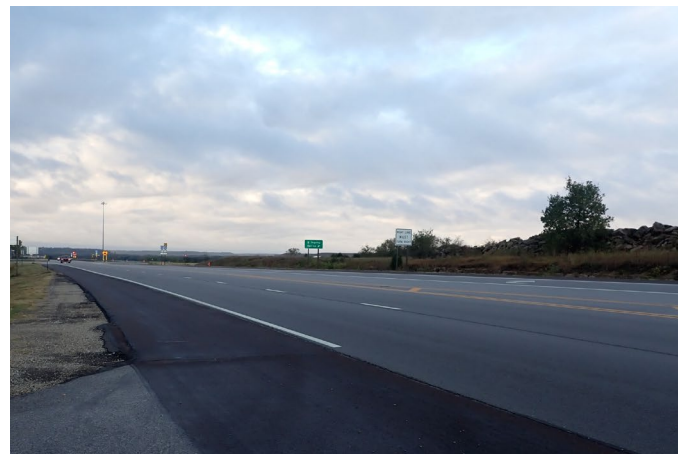
Traffic on I-70 will be reduced to one lane each direction during portions of construction. The final design for the project was completed in spring 2024. Invitation to bid on the project is scheduled in 2025. Construction is proposed to begin fall 2025 and is estimated to be complete in 2027.

PROJECT BENEFITS

- Accommodates future traffic projections
- Reduces congestion
- Accommodates gameday traffic without backing up into the through lanes on I-70
- Accommodates freight
- Has fewer impacts to nearby landowners and does not displace the existing fire station
- Allows drivers to maintain a safe and consistent speed
- Provides improved driving conditions at the K-18/Boller Rd intersection
- Saves the existing bridge, which is in good condition and has significant remaining service life and allows for movement across I-70
- Lowers the number of lane closure occurrences during construction

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Spring 2024	<i>Final design complete</i>
2025	<i>Invitation to bid on project</i>
Fall 2025	<i>Construction to begin</i>
2027	<i>Estimated completion</i>



K-18 approaching the interchange

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