

U.S. 69 Crawford County Corridor

Discussions about improving the U.S. 69 Crawford County Corridor (also known as the U.S. 69 Pittsburg Bypass) have been going on for decades. The project would expand an 18-mile corridor of U.S. 69 to a four-lane freeway, starting at the Cherokee-Crawford County line and continuing to north of the City of Arma.

Over time, KDOT has done preliminary engineering and environmental reviews, working with cities and counties along the U.S. 69 corridor. While there have been ongoing conversations through KDOT's Local Consult process and individual project meetings, KDOT has not had a dedicated conversation with communities along the corridor about the project in more than 10 years.

Recently, KDOT received a \$13 million federal earmark to fund a small phase of the U.S. 69 Pittsburg Bypass. That phase, as originally designed, would extend U.S. 160 to the west along what is now 590th Avenue for two miles, expanding the current two-lane county road into a four-lane highway. The current cost estimate for that phase is \$15 million. The entire U.S. 69 Crawford County Corridor project is estimated to cost more than \$400 million (in 2023 dollars) and no money, aside from the federal earmark, has been identified for construction.

Because it has been so long since KDOT has had a dedicated conversation about the project, and the agency understands that community needs and visions change, KDOT is re-engaging with cities and counties along the corridor to get input before moving forward.

During the month of May 2023, KDOT is meeting with the following cities and counties during regularly scheduled council/commission meetings to discuss the U.S 69 Crawford County Corridor.

- **May 1** – City of Frontenac – 6:30 p.m.
- **May 5** – Crawford County – 10 a.m.
- **May 9** – City of Pittsburg – 5:30 p.m.
- **May 15** – City of Arma – 6:30 p.m.
- **May 22** – Cherokee County – 10 a.m.

As updates are available, they will be posted to this web page.

If you have questions or comments about the U.S. 69 Crawford County Corridor, please email: engagement@ksdotike.org.

Documents

- [U.S. 69 Crawford County Corridor Environmental Assessment \(2012\)](#)
- [Council/Commission Presentation Slides](#)