

# I-235/North Junction (Gold Project/Phase 2B) Sedgwick County

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## The Headlines

- Alleviates morning and afternoon peak-hour bottleneck and smooths traffic flow at I-135/I-235/K-96 North Junction in Wichita. The interchange carries up to 127,000 vehicles daily (2019) – some of the highest in the state.
- Replaces the tight loop ramp from westbound K-96 to southbound I-135 with a flyover.
- Provides safety improvements aimed at reducing collisions and improves an important economic gateway for the region.

## Project Overview

Cost Estimate	\$86 million
State contribution	\$50 million
Federal Grant	\$21 million
Local contribution	\$15 million
Distance	7 miles
Scope	Directly links NB I-235 to EB K-96. Replaces loop from WB K-96 to SB I-135 with flyover. Widens SB I-135 south of K-96. Improves WB K-96 to NB I-135 ramp. Upgrades 19 bridges.
Construction Letting	Calendar Year 2022

## IKE Principles

- **PARTNERSHIPS:** A top priority for south central Kansas, KDOT has been partnering for several years with the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County and the federal government through a phased approach to complete the North Junction.
- **PROBLEM-SOLVING:** The North Junction interchange, built in 1964, now carries – on one ramp – twice as much traffic as the entire interchange was designed to accommodate. This addresses a long-time concern about congestion and provides safety improvements.

“A well-designed, safe and efficient North Junction interchange is absolutely critical to growing our region and state. These improvements will significantly upgrade this economic gateway.”

- Andrew Wiens, Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce

“The partnership for improvements to the North Junction will enhance safety, reduce congestion and improve travel time reliability. It is an economic gateway with millions of dollars of goods and services moving through it daily.”

- David Dennis, Sedgwick County Commissioner