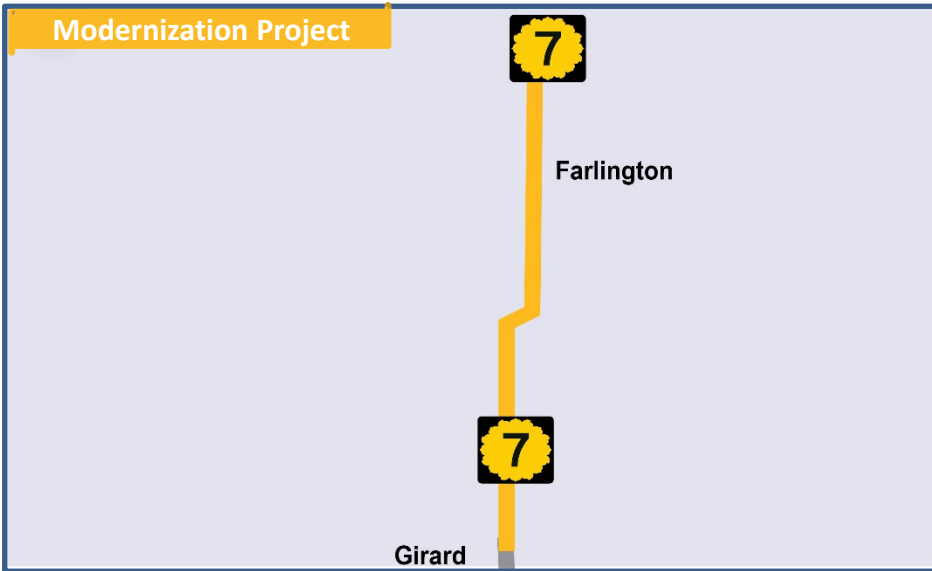


## Modernization Project



## The Headlines

- Adds shoulders to extend driver recovery zone and assist with pavement stabilization.
- Enhances safety and improves mobility on a route where trucks account for 13% of total traffic and where 37 off-road crashes were recorded between 2015-2019.
- Rehabilitates pavement surface to extend life of the highway.

## Project Overview

Cost Estimate	\$14 million
State contribution	\$14 million
Distance	11 miles
Scope	Widens and adds shoulders to K-7 in Crawford County.
Construction Letting	Calendar Year 2023

“K-7 is a narrow highway with no shoulder, a lot traffic and trucks. Adding shoulders makes it safer for everyone traveling K-7 in this area.”

- Mickey Pyle, Mayor, Girard, KS

## IKE Principles

**PROBLEM-SOLVING:** Southeast Kansas identified K-7 as a regional priority due to substantial truck traffic and safety concerns. KDOT responded with a practical improvement that meets the expressed needs of southeast Kansans. Cost savings realized by resurfacing and adding shoulders at same time.

**PARTNERSHIPS:** Through collaboration with Crawford County communities, KDOT developed this widening project which combines adding shoulders with pavement rehabilitation to provide a practical improvement on an accelerated schedule.

“The project will benefit Crawford County in several ways. It will help in reducing 18-wheeler rollovers, provide safer transportation to and from Crawford state park and improve the safety of cyclists using that stretch of highway.”

- Bruce Blair, Crawford County  
Commissioner, District 1