



The Headlines

- Enhances safety by adding passing lanes in two places on U.S. 169 in Neosho County, a highway with increasingly heavy truck traffic.
- Improves traffic flow: Existing corridor does not provide adequate opportunity to pass slower-moving vehicles.
- New passing lanes will also benefit adjacent Montgomery County, where roadway geometry does not offer ideal locations for passing lanes.

Project Overview

Cost Estimate	\$12 million
State Contribution	\$12 million
Distance	4 miles
Scope	Provides 2-mile passing lanes between K-47 and Earlington and 2-mile passing lanes between the Neosho/ Labette county line and Thayer; addresses existing pavement.
Construction Letting	Calendar Year 2023

“ This project will benefit safety by far. It gets traveled a bunch: You have many semis going down that road every day.”
- Paul Westhoff, Neosho County Commissioner

IKE Principles

PROBLEM-SOLVING: This project was identified as an important regional priority and was largely based on public input. Projects accelerated in part by early start of right-of-way evaluation, utility relocation and design.

PARTNERSHIPS: Through collaboration with southeast Kansas communities, this project was identified as a top priority in the region.

“ Traffic on 169 has grown exponentially. We want as much as possible a free-flowing economic connector. Being able to add passing lanes really is a game changer as we continue to grow.”
- Matthew Godinez, Chanute Regional Development Authority