



The Headlines

- Adds passing lanes to U.S. 400 east of Cherokee in Cherokee County.
- Improves safety, traffic flow and reduces congestion by providing motorists the opportunity to pass slower-moving vehicles on a corridor that has experienced a 22% increase in traffic in the last four years.
- Rehabilitates pavement surface to extend life of the highway.

Project Overview

Cost Estimate	\$6 million
State contribution	\$6 million
Distance	2 miles
Scope	Adds passing lanes to U.S. 400 east of Cherokee.
Construction Letting	Calendar Year 2023

IKE Principles

- **PROBLEM-SOLVING:** Addresses public concerns about limited passing opportunities and improves roadway safety and mobility.
- **PARTNERSHIPS:** Through collaboration with southeast Kansas communities, this project was identified as a top priority in the region. The project delivers practical improvements along a well-traveled highway and a key freight corridor.

“ U.S. 400 is an important east-west thoroughfare that is heavily traveled. The addition of passing lanes along what is often a congested stretch of highway east of Cherokee will make for a safer and more pleasant driving experience.

- Janet Miller, Cherokee County Economic Development Director

“ A significant number of Kansans commute to Pittsburg each day from the west. These improvements will make their daily drive safer and more convenient.

-Blake Benson, Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce President