



The Headlines

- Three separate projects on U.S. 50 will extend the existing passing lanes in locations in Harvey and Marion counties.
- Improves traffic flow and enhances safety on a highway with heavy truck and agricultural-related traffic.

Project Overview

Cost Estimate	\$10 million
State contribution	\$10 million
Distance	3 miles, combined
Scope	Extends 3 existing U.S. 50 passing lanes: 5 miles east of Burrton, northeast of Walton, and west of Peabody.
Construction Letting	Calendar Year 2023

“It’s an issue of safety, absolutely, is what it is. They’ll try to pass when they shouldn’t. If they have better passing lanes, that would help the safety aspect of it.”

- Don Schroeder,
Harvey County Commissioner

IKE Principles

- **PROBLEM-SOLVING:** This project was identified as an important regional priority and was largely based on public input. Drivers have said they want to see extended passing lanes on this high-traffic corridor. Projects accelerated in part by early start of right-of-way evaluation, utility relocation and design.
- **PARTNERSHIPS:** Through collaboration with central Kansas communities, this project addresses safety concerns voiced by Kansans at Local Consult meetings.

“The ability to extend the passing lanes provides more opportunity to get around the slow-moving traffic, because there’s farm equipment out there and everything. With the passing zone extended, some drivers wouldn’t feel rushed.”

- Robert Craft, Marion County Sheriff