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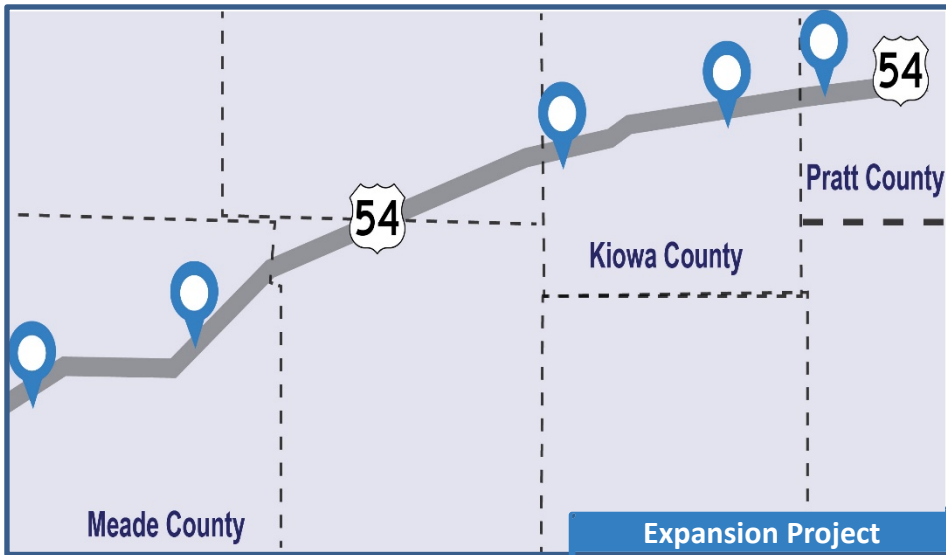


IKE

THE EISENHOWER LEGACY
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

U.S. 54 in Meade, Kiowa & Pratt counties

July 2021



The Headlines

- Adds two sets of passing lanes to U.S. 54 in Meade County and one set of passing lanes to U.S. 54 in Kiowa County. Extends existing passing lanes in Kiowa and Pratt counties.
- Improves traffic flow on a route traveled by over 1,600 trucks a day and representing 30% of all traffic.
- Rehabilitates pavement surface to extend life of heavy-volume freight corridor.

Project Overview

Cost Estimate	\$24 million
State contribution	\$24 million
Distance	10 miles
Scope	Meade County - adds two sets of passing lanes to U.S. 54. Kiowa County - adds one set of passing lanes. Extends existing passing lanes in Kiowa & Pratt counties.
Construction Letting	Calendar Year 2023

IKE Principles

- **PROBLEM-SOLVING:** Southwest Kansas drivers have said they like passing lanes but want to see them extended and more added to this high-traffic corridor. This project was identified as an important regional priority and was largely based on public input.
- **PARTNERSHIPS:** Through collaboration with southwest Kansas communities, this project was identified as a top priority in the region. The project addresses safety concerns by adding and extending passing lanes on a rapid schedule.

“As the truck traffic continues to increase, the ability to safely pass becomes vital. With the addition of much needed passing lanes, everyone who uses the highway will have a safer and a more comfortable commute through our corner of Kansas.”

-Dean Cordes, Meade City Administrator

“With the heavy truck traffic on U.S. 54 and six or more semi-trucks back-to-back, passing isn't possible. Passing lanes will help traffic be less congested, safer, faster and improve flow of traffic. Better flow means safer passage!”

- Randy Leis, Meade County Commissioner