

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The 21-mile U.S. 50 expansion in Finney and Gray Counties involves four projects, spanning from Aerodrome Road in Finney County to the west city limits of Cimarron, that are currently in the preliminary design phase. The projects have been divided into two groups for design and construction: A western and an eastern group.

The western group **(1 & 2 on the map)** extends from Aerodrome Road (Garden City Airport) in Finney County east to 7 Road in Gray County. The eastern group **(3 & 4 on the map)** extends from 7 Road in Gray County east to Cimarron. These were some of the highest-rated investments scored at the southwest Local Consult meeting in 2019 and were selected for the IKE Development Pipeline in May 2020.

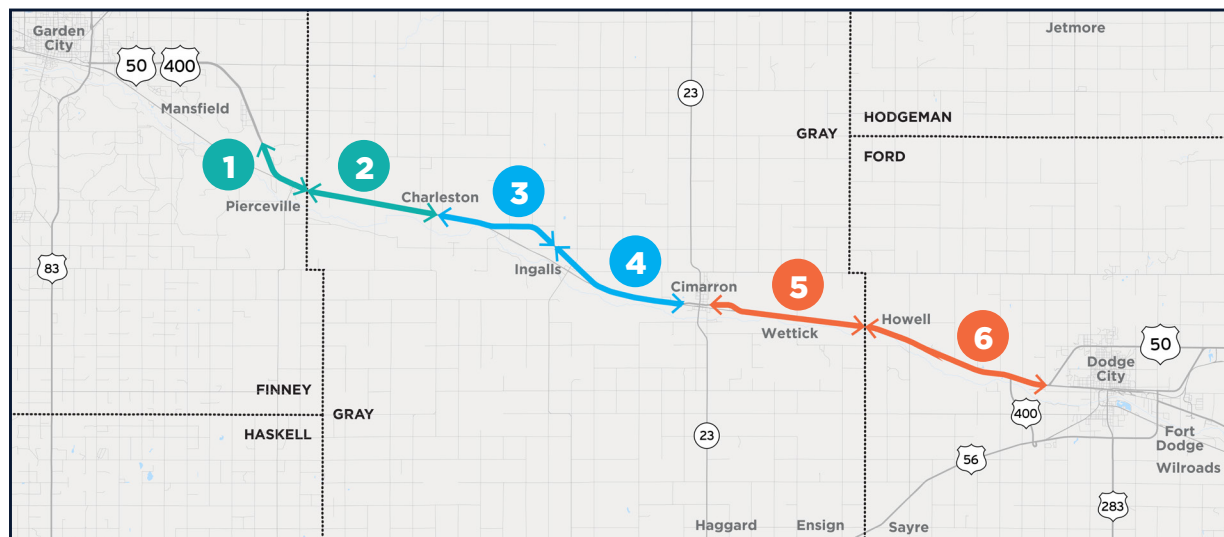
Once complete, the projects will provide a four-lane connection between Garden City and Dodge City with limited direct highway access points that will help enhance safety, increase capacity and relieve congestion. Two projects, which were part of the previous T-WORKS Program, have begun construction. They are located from Cimarron to Dodge City **(5 & 6 on the map)**. Highway expansion from Garden City to Aerodrome Road was completed in 2005.



KDOT is initiating the U.S. 50 expansion project to meet goals established by the The Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE), which is a roughly \$10 billion investment in the future of Kansas. This program and the transportation improvements it will deliver play a key role in our state's economic recovery, putting Kansans to work and improving quality of life.

A typical expressway is shown in the photo above. It includes a multi-lane highway with a grass median, at-grade intersections and more controlled access than two-lane highways. It also has typical access spacing every two miles.

Project Area Map



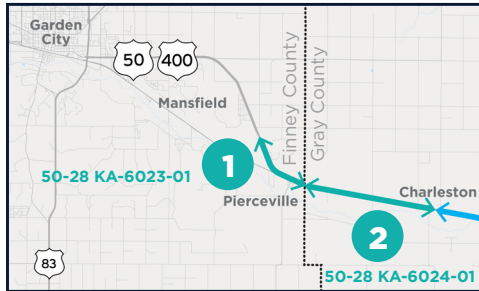
- 1 2**
WESTERN GROUP
- 3 4**
EASTERN GROUP
- 5 6**
UNDER CONSTRUCTION

ALIGNMENT CONSIDERATIONS

The new alignments for the U.S. 50 expansion in Finney and Gray Counties are in preliminary design and have not yet been finalized. Alignments are being considered near or on the existing highway where feasible. Several factors will be considered to determine the alignment and roadway cross sections, including:

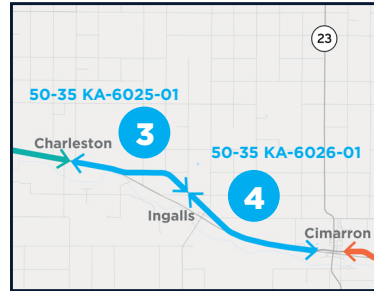
- Safety
- Cost
- Property impacts
- Utilities
- Crash history
- Railroad
- Right-of-way
- Cultural considerations, such as Soule’s Canal and Santa Fe Trail
- Access management

WESTERN GROUP



- Length
- 1** 3.2 miles - U.S. 50/400 from Aerodrome Road east to Finney/Gray county line
 - 2** 6 miles - U.S. 50/400 from Finney/Gray county line east to County Road 7

EASTERN GROUP



- Length
- 3** 5.4 miles - U.S. 50/400 from County Road 7 to County Road 12 in Gray County
 - 4** 6.5 miles - U.S. 50/400 from County Road 12 to Cimarron west city limits in Gray County

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Preliminary Plans	Right-of-Way Acquisition	Final Plans	Contractor Selected
2022 - 2023	2024	2023 - 2025	To Be Determined
Develop preliminary plans for the U.S. 50 expansion projects	Acquire right-of-way and easements for the proposed improvements	Develop final plans for the U.S. 50 expansion project	
— Community Engagement —			

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION



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