



Update: U.S. 69 Crawford County Corridor Study

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In response to feedback about U.S. 69 in Crawford County, in August 2023 KDOT stopped development of the western alignment of the Crawford County Corridor (also known as the Pittsburg Bypass).

KDOT is starting a new corridor study to re-evaluate the existing highway and identify the current and future needs of the communities along U.S. 69. The study will take 12–18 months to complete.



U.S. 69 in Crawford County

To help inform the study there will be a robust public outreach effort. KDOT will establish a stakeholder group composed of representatives of the cities, county, businesses, the U.S. 69 Association and other interested parties along the corridor to hear a variety of perspectives on the priorities in the region. There will be listening sessions to hear from groups with interests in topics such as safety, economic development and freight. KDOT will host public open house meetings at multiple locations along the corridor as well as offer online opportunities for the public to provide feedback.

KDOT has selected Professional Engineering Consultant (PEC) to complete the Corridor Study and is currently finalizing contract negotiations. Public outreach is estimated to begin middle of May.

Study Goals

KDOT will conduct the U.S. 69 study in two phases—Phase A and Phase B.

The goals for Phase A are to collect and analyze updated traffic and safety data; provide multiple public involvement opportunities to identify a Purpose & Need for U.S. 69 that reflects input from communities.

During Phase B, KDOT will develop and evaluate improvement alternatives to address the Purpose & Need from Phase A.

Phase A Schedule

Stakeholder Committee #1	May 2024
Public Open House #1	May 2024
Stakeholder Committee #2	July 2024
Public Open House #2	July 2024
Stakeholder Committee #3	August 2024

Phase B Schedule

Develop and Evaluate Alternatives	September 2024– January 2025
Public Involvement	November 2024– March 2025



Preservation Projects Scheduled for Construction in Spring of 2024

- **Bourbon County:** U.S. 69 southbound lanes from two miles north of the Bourbon/Crawford county line, north about four miles.
- **Linn County:** U.S. 69 from south of Sugar Creek bridge to Linn/Miami county line.
- **Miami County:** U.S. 69 south of 359th St north to south of K-68.

Safety Projects Scheduled for Construction in 2026

- **Crawford County:** U.S. 69 intersection improvements at W. Quincy Street, K-126 and W 20th Street.
- **Crawford County:** Intersection improvements at U.S. 69 and Centennial.

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