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## New temporary road for K-14 north of Sterling, partial Avenue T closure

Starting Monday, July 18, K-14 traffic north of Sterling will be diverted to a temporary road right along the existing highway.

Also, access to the temporary road to and from the east side of Avenue T will be closed. The west side of Avenue T will remain open where it meets the temporary road.

The temporary road, with one lane each north and south, will be about a mile and a half long, from around the Sterling north city limits north to just past Avenue T. **The map below** highlights the approximate affected section of K-14. Motorists there will be directed to drive at a reduced speed.

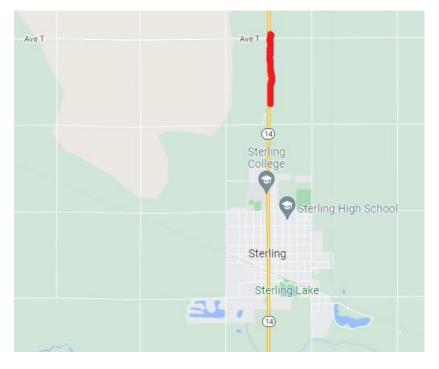
The temporary changes will allow continued construction of the new K-14 realignment near Sterling. The temporary road and east Avenue T closure will remain until around the end of the realignment project, which is expected to be completed by June 16, 2023.

**Background:** The Kansas Department of Transportation realignment project started in the spring of 2021. This a 15-mile, \$81.7 million realignment of K-14. The work stretches from Hutchinson, to Nickerson, to Sterling. Bob Bergkamp Construction Co. Inc., of Wichita, is the primary contractor.

During the work, traffic will continue to use the existing K-14/96 alignment in Reno and Rice counties.

The Reno County portion of the realignment will be from about 4.5 miles southeast of Nickerson northwest to the Reno/Rice county line. The length is a little over 7 miles.

The Rice County portion of the realignment will be from the Reno/Rice county line to just north of the K-96/Avenue T junction. The length is about 8 miles.



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