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PLEASE NOTE: New date for road changes in Rice County

New date for two road changes as part of K-14 realignment in Rice County

One road opening and one permanent road closure are expected to occur on Friday, Oct. 7, east of Sterling for the Rice County portion of the K-14 realignment project.

The two road changes have been moved earlier from a previously scheduled date.

The section of 17th Road between Avenue U and Avenue V will be open to traffic.

The stretch of 18th Road between Avenue U and Avenue V will be closed.

The closure of 18th Road will be permanent, and cul-de-sacs will be constructed at the location.

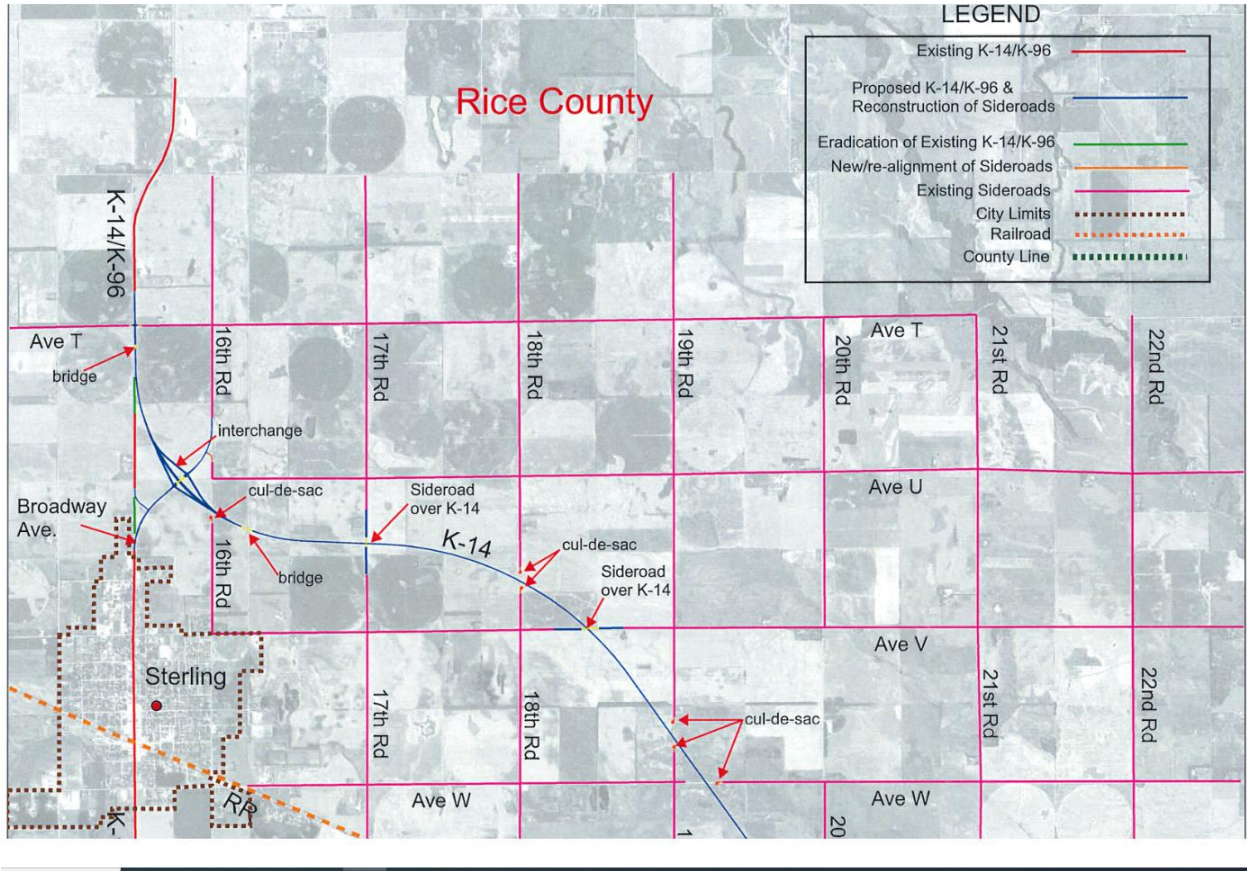
The map below includes the affected road sections.

Background: This 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. The project is expected to be completed by June 16, 2023. 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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