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Recent, upcoming road access changes for K-14 realignment

Road access is being affected as part of ongoing construction of the new K-14 realignment between Hutchinson and Sterling. Here is an update of recent and upcoming changes in Rice and Reno counties:

--Avenue X between 19th Road and 21st Road in Rice County has reopened.

--Avenue V is tentatively scheduled to reopen in Rice County next Wednesday, June 29.

--Also on Wednesday, June 29, Nickerson Road will be closed between West 108th Avenue and West 95th Avenue in Reno County. This closing will allow for construction of a bridge and interchange as part of the K-14 realignment project. The closure will remain until sometime in the spring or summer of 2023. **See the attached map, with the closure marked in black.**

--Throughout the week of Monday, June 27, through Friday, July 1, West Avenue T, in Rice County, could be closed intermittently for asphalt paving for a temporary road at the site. The contractor will try keep the road open as much as possible by flagging traffic through the work zone. Still, motorists should be prepared to slow down and face some delay.

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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