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## Four south central Kansas highway projects added to IKE Development Pipeline

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced four modernization or expansion projects located in south central Kansas and totaling \$453 million were added to the IKE Development Pipeline.

This now clears the way for preliminary engineering work to begin on these four regional projects, according to the Kansas Department of Transportation.

“I’m pleased to see interchange improvements and replacement of the U.S. 50 bridge over Meridian Road and the BNSF Railroad southwest of Newton in Harvey County have been added to the IKE Development Pipeline, said Kansas Senator Carolyn McGinn. “This project, as well as other projects selected across south central Kansas, was identified as a top regional priority during last fall’s Local Consult community meetings. It’s heartening to know Kansans voices are being heard.”

The south central Kansas Development Pipeline project types, description/scope and estimated cost are:

- **U.S. 54 expansion project**, bypass/4-lane freeway from 1 mile west of K-11/U.S. 54 to existing 4-lanes east of Kingman in Kingman County, \$173 million
- **K-254 expansion project**, new interchange, overpass and connector road at Webb and Rock roads in Sedgwick County, \$50 million
- **U.S. 54/Kellogg Avenue expansion project**, 6-lane freeway east of 159<sup>th</sup> Street and east to Prairie Creek Road in Butler County, \$200 million
- **U.S. 50/Meridian Street interchange modernization** and bridge replacement project in Newton/Harvey County, \$30 million

Governor Kelly and Kansas Transportation Secretary Calvin Reed announced the 2024 Development Pipeline projects earlier today in the Kansas Statehouse. A total of 17 projects totaling \$932 million from across the state are now included in the pipeline.

“These highway projects tackle long-standing transportation needs across the state – improving safety, expanding economic development opportunities and strengthening our

communities,” Governor Kelly said. “My administration is committed to making short- and long-term infrastructure improvements to benefit future generations of Kansans.”

Secretary Reed said input from Kansans helped determine what investments were of the highest priority to rural and urban communities. He said the selection process is flexible to meet economic needs and is based on engineering data, local consultation and geographic distribution.

A list of all the IKE Development Pipeline projects and more information on modernization and expansion projects is available at <https://ike.ksdot.gov/projects/development-pipeline-announcement-2024>.

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