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## Public meeting scheduled for Miami County K-68 Expansion Project

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is hosting a public meeting for the Miami County K-68 Expansion project on Thursday, Oct. 14, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held online and in person. The same information will be presented in both meeting formats. The meeting schedule is below. The public may also comment online at [k68.digicate.com](http://k68.digicate.com) through Nov. 1, 2021.

Public Meeting Schedule			
Date	Time	Location	Address
Thurs., Oct. 14, 2021	5:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Louisburg High School Auditorium	202 Aquatic Drive Louisburg, KS 66053
Thurs., Oct. 14, 2021	5:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Online via Zoom	Register at <a href="http://www.tinyurl.com/K68Meeting">www.tinyurl.com/K68Meeting</a>

During the public meeting, the project team will present preliminary design plans for expanding K-68 to four lanes and discuss other construction activities anticipated for K-68 in Miami County. KDOT and consultant team members will be present to answer questions and discuss impacts and concerns.

The Miami County K-68 expansion project spans 6.68 miles of K-68 from U.S. 169 to Spring Valley Road (just west of U.S. 69 at Louisburg). It is one of the seven announced Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE) Modernization/Expansion Projects in the Development Pipeline for KDOT District 4 (Southeast Kansas). It is also related to the two K-68 improvement projects that are scheduled to be let this year. Design for the Miami County K-68 Expansion Project is anticipated to be complete during 2023. No construction funding has been identified at this time.

Upgrading K-68 with a series of improvements at key locations plus a long-term goal of widening to a four-lane roadway is recommended in the K-68 Corridor Management Plan. KDOT and the consultant team began developing conceptual improvement plans for the Miami County K-68 Expansion Project in 2012. They have since modified them to respond to community feedback, field surveys, and detailed engineering analysis.

Briefings for public officials and public meetings will provide the community with information about the current status of the project. For more information, visit the project web page at [www.ksdotike.org/Miami-County-K-68-Expansion](http://www.ksdotike.org/Miami-County-K-68-Expansion). You can also contact Ryan Robinson, IKE PMC Transportation Project Manager, at 913-955-2367 or [ryan.robinson@ks.gov](mailto:ryan.robinson@ks.gov). Priscilla Petersen, KDOT Public Affairs Manager, is available at 620-902-6433 or [priscilla.petersen@ks.gov](mailto:priscilla.petersen@ks.gov).

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