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U.S. 69 project will complete 4-lane connection between KC and Pittsburg

A project that will achieve the long-sought goal of a four-lane highway the entire length of U.S. 69 between Kansas City and Pittsburg was announced today at Arma.

The six-mile project on U.S. 69 known as the "Arma Connection" was announced by Gov. Sam Brownback during a special event within sight of the highway.

"Today we are keeping the promise we made to deliver funding for the 'Arma Connection,'" said Gov. Brownback. "As a result, the decades-old vision of a four-lane U.S. 69 between Kansas City and Pittsburg will finally become reality."

The project, which will be constructed for an estimated \$23.5 million, will tie into two previously-announced projects that will expand nearly 12 miles of the highway in southern Bourbon and northern Crawford counties. All three projects, which will be constructed for a combined cost of \$70.5 million, are part of the T-WORKS transportation program.

U.S. 69 is a major eastern Kansas route for local traffic, commerce and hundreds of students from the Kansas City area who attend Pittsburg State University. Long stretches of the highway were expanded from two-to-four lanes under two earlier transportation programs beginning in 1989.

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