

IMPROVING U.S. 83 IN FINNEY COUNTY

Fact Sheet



PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS

U.S. 83 is the principal north-south route used to move people and goods from the Kansas-Oklahoma state line to and from I-70. The route is a designated primary freight corridor with up to one-third of the traffic on U.S. 83 being medium to heavy truck traffic.

Local officials and residents from southwest Kansas have raised concerns about increasing truck traffic volumes and limited passing opportunities. In addition, local officials and the public expressed concerns about highway improvements needed to address increased truck traffic, impacts to homes and businesses, and access to farm ground, irrigation and water wells along the route.

With these concerns in mind, U.S. 83 from T.V. Road north and east around the Southwind development will be reconstructed as a two-lane highway with the addition of passing lanes. The north entrance to Southwind will be relocated and improved with dedicated turn lanes, and the south entrance will be eliminated.

The project will allow the reconstructed road to be built on an off-set alignment with four-lane right of way purchased for future infrastructure development.

This project -

- Improves roadway safety and mobility by minimizing or eliminating conflict points along the highway such as driveways and entrances to the Southwind development and providing access to property via local and access roads.
- Addresses public concerns about limited passing opportunities and improves roadway safety and mobility by providing passing lanes.
- Preserves the useful life of the roadway and allows for possible future expansion to a four-lane highway.



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