## how you can make the safety corridor **SAFER**





# BUCKLE UP







The Safety Corridor Pilot Program is an initiative of the Drive To Zero Coalition.

The Coalition is an executive-level body representing state and federal agencies, advocacy organizations, the private sector and the Kansas House and Senate Transportation Committees. The Coalition's mission is to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes on Kansas roadways.

Additional information about the Safety Corridor Pilot Program, including a crash data dashboard, can be found online at www.ksdot.gov/bureaus/ burTrafficSaf/safetycorridor.asp.





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### A COMPREHENSIVE INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE DRIVER BEHAVIORS ON HIGH CRASH CORRIDORS.

The Safety Corridor Pilot Program is a five-year initiative on four high crash corridors in Kansas. Between 2023 and 2028, road users should anticipate increased signage, traffic safety messaging and traffic law enforcement as a comprehensive approach to raise driver awareness and improve driver behaviors in the corridors.

With more drivers choosing safer speeds, wearing seat belts, never driving impaired or distracted, all road users should reach their destination safely.

## CORRIDOR SELECTION

Four corridors were identified statewide (US-83/50, I-135, US-24, and US-69). Corridor limits were determined based on the following factors:

- crash history, including fatal and serious injury crashes,
- availability of additional law enforcement, and
- ▶ input from local traffic safety partners.

From 2016 to 2021, 574 crashes occurred on these corridors resulting in 35 deaths and 68 serious injuries.



The I-135 Safety Corridor is in south-central Kansas, beginning at the I-235 interchange in north Wichita, continuing north to the K-15 interchange in North Newton.

**I-135** 



#### WHY I-135?

Ten people lost their lives on this corridor between 2016 and 2021 and another 15 suffered disabling injuries from car crashes. A total of 216 crashes occurred in this corridor over that same period. Common characteristics in these high injury crashes included speeding, not wearing a seatbelt, driving impaired, or distracted driving. In our Drive To Zero traffic deaths, we need all road users to do their part to create safer roads and safer communities.