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Three northeast Kansas highway projects included in new IKE Development Pipeline

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced three highway projects located in northeast Kansas, totaling \$186 million in infrastructure investment, have been added to the IKE Development Pipeline.

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

Among the projects selected is the expansion of U.S. 75 from Holton north to K-20 in Jackson County to a four-lane expressway. Governor Kelly extended appreciation to Kansas Sen. Dennis Pyle, who represents District 1, for his longstanding efforts to advance this project, as well as offering praise for community leaders and area residents for pro-actively advocating for U.S. 75 expansion.

“Thanks to Senator Dennis Pyle’s consistent championing of the U.S. 75 expansion project, we are one step closer to making this much-needed improvement possible,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “That project and the others announced today tackle long-standing transportation needs across the state – improving safety, expanding economic development opportunities, and strengthening our communities.”

“The successful community efforts to raise awareness of transportation needs along the U.S. 75 corridor in northeast Kansas makes us all proud,” said Senator Pyle. “The addition of this expansion project to the IKE Development Pipeline is an important step toward enhancing the safety of a vital corridor for commerce and the traveling public it serves.”

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

- **U.S. 75 expansion project**, 4-lane expressway from Holton north to K-20 in Jackson County, \$126 million.
- **I-35/U.S. 56 interchange modernization project**, located in Johnson County, \$25 million.

- **K-5 modernization project**, reconstruct K-5 on new alignment from U.S. 73 southeast to I-435 in Wyandotte/Leavenworth counties, \$35 million.

Governor Kelly and Kansas 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.

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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