

## INTRODUCTION

69Express construction began the week of January 16. Periodic lane closures and other traffic impacts will occur throughout the three years of construction. Current impacts are overnight lane closures which may impact entrance and exit ramps. Work is mainly due to utility relocation and Geotech work. The next phase of construction, beginning this spring, will include overnight closures almost nightly through Fall 2023.

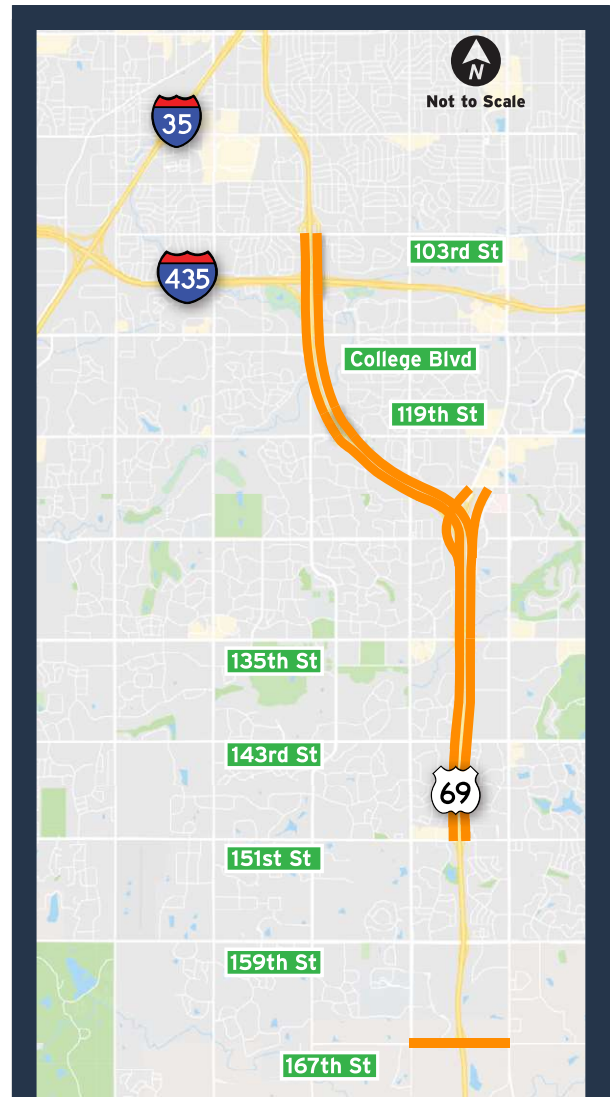
## IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED

The 69Express Project will address safety concerns, improve travel time reliability, and reduce congestion issues in the corridor, which stretches from 103rd Street to 151st Street. Crash rates in the corridor are 53% above the statewide average. Existing pavement and bridges are more than 50 years old and overdue for replacement. Meanwhile, congestion is growing; peak travel times are expected to triple over the next several years. As a result of the project being awarded to the current design-build team, construction is starting. The Express Lanes are planned to open by the end of 2025 with remaining construction wrapping up in 2026.

## PROJECT AREA

The 69Express project, which began in 2020, has progressed to construction. Changes being made to the highway include:

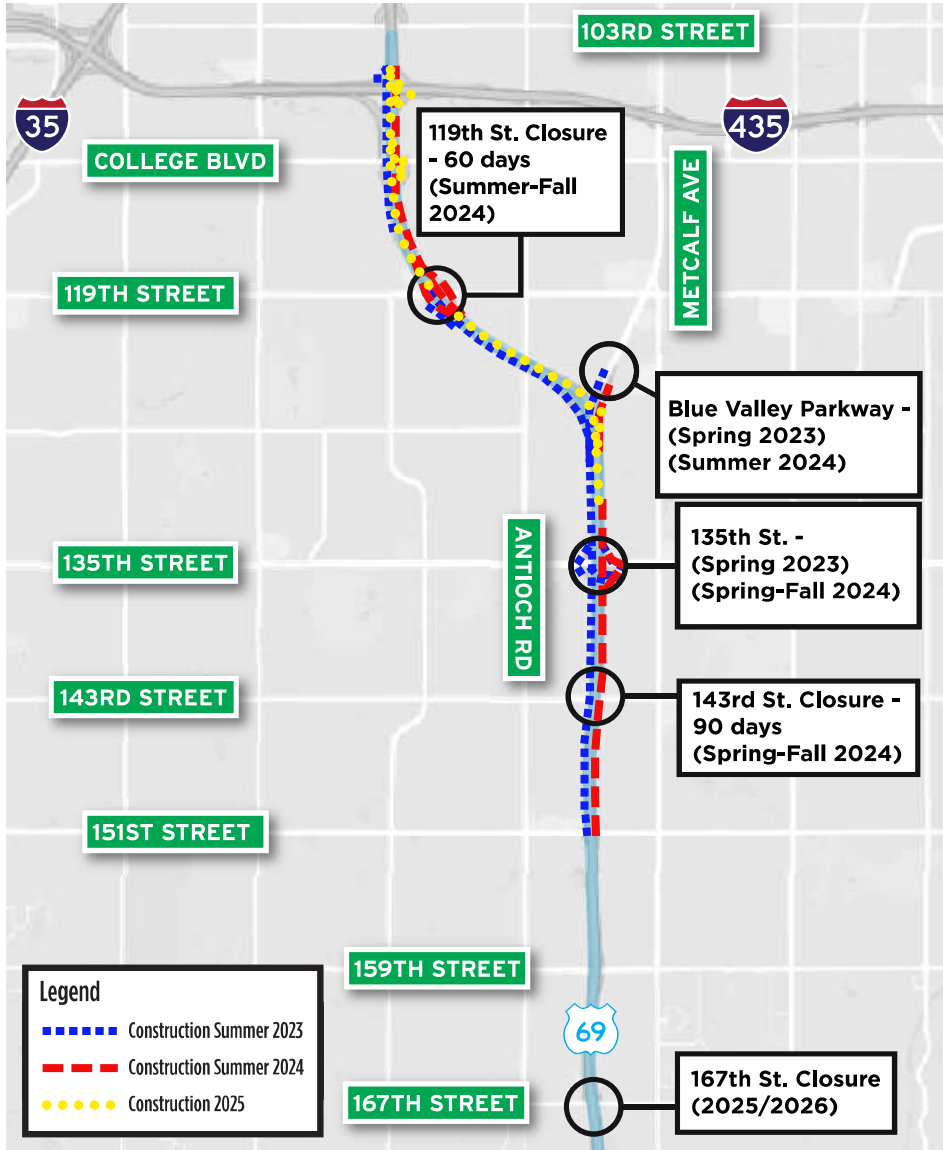
- Reconstructing and replacement pavement on U.S. 69 (103rd St – 151st St)
- Adding one Express Lane in each direction
- Building the 167th St & U.S. 69 Interchange
- Constructing 11 Noise Walls



### WHY IMPROVE U.S. 69?

- Carries over 90k vehicles per day
- Extensive congestion north of 159th Street
- Travel Times are unpredictable
- Crash rates above the state average
- Pavement and bridges are 50 years old
- Traffic expected to grow
- Peak travel times expected to triple by 2040

## CONSTRUCTION AND CLOSURES



- This is the general phasing plan for construction over the next three years. The Express Lanes will open by the end of 2025 and remaining construction will wrap up in 2026.

## NIGHT WORK



To help minimize impact to the traveling public, daytime lane closures on U.S. 69 north of 151st Street will be limited to the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. However, at night, when traffic volumes are significantly lower, the contractor will utilize lane closures for longer durations to get more work done. By working at night, the project can be completed as quickly as possible and the overall impact to U.S. 69 traffic will be reduced. During the first half of 2023, work at night will be focused primarily between 151st Street and 135th Street. Updates on additional night work will be made available as the project progresses. We understand the potential inconveniences that may accompany night work - including noise and light - and will be working with the contractor to minimize the negative impacts of both.



## DESIGN-BUILD TEAM

US69 Express Constructors is a joint venture between Ames Construction, Inc. and Emery Sapp & Sons. The team also includes the engineering design firms of Parsons Transportation Group and GBA. The team has extensive design-build experience on projects ranging from \$20 million to \$1.2 billion as well as constructing 12 express toll lane projects across the country.

Selection for the 69Express design-build project was based on how well the winning team met KDOT's goals of:

- Delivering the highest value project improvements.
- Minimizing impact on the traveling public during construction.
- Completing Project improvements on schedule.

## NEXT STEPS



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US69 Express Constructors was one of two design-build teams that submitted proposals in July 2022. The US69 Express team delivered the highest value proposal, providing the highest technical score and the lowest bid price.

Design-build streamlines the project delivery process through a single contract between KDOT and the design-build team. KDOT plans to break ground on 69Express in February, with substantial construction beginning in 2023. The express lanes are anticipated to open in late 2025 with construction concluding in 2026.



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