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# U.S. 166 closure in Cherokee County begins May 30

Starting Tuesday, May 30, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) plans to close a section of U.S. 166/400 east of Baxter Springs. The closure begins east of 5 Mile Avenue and continues east for 3 miles to the K-26 junction. Areas of U.S. 166/400 that are outside of the active work zone will be limited to local traffic only. All through traffic should follow the state route detour on K-26, K-66 and U.S. 69A (see map).

During the closure U.S. 166/400 will be reconstructed on a new four-lane alignment south of the existing roadway. 5 Mile Avenue will be open to traffic until the construction of a tie-in at the end of this project phase. SE 90<sup>th</sup> Street will remain open to traffic.

The work is part of the KDOT project to expand U.S. 166/400 and construct two interchanges from U.S. 400 southeast to the Kansas-Missouri state line. Work started in early 2022. KDOT expects to reopen the realigned U.S. 166 later this fall, weather permitting.

Check KDOT's updated traveler information website, [www.kandrive.org](http://www.kandrive.org), for more highway condition and construction details. Persons with questions may contact Construction Specialist Doug Pulliam at (620) 308-7613 or Public Affairs Manager Priscilla Petersen at (620) 902-6433.

**Map:** [www.kandrive.org](http://www.kandrive.org)



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