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## **K-99 realignment project starting in Wabaunsee County**

The Kansas Department of Transportation plans to begin a realignment project on K-99 in Wabaunsee County on Monday, April 15, conditions permitting. The project spans approximately 2 miles, from the I-70 junction north to Hereford Road.

The initial phases of the project will include construction of new drainage structures and of a shoo-fly detour that will carry traffic while the new alignment is built. Traffic will continue to use the existing K-99 – with the speed limit reduced to 50 mph – until the shoo-fly detours are complete and open to traffic.

K-99 under I-70 will also be widened. The area will have a 10-foot width restriction and 35 mph speed limit once work begins in May.

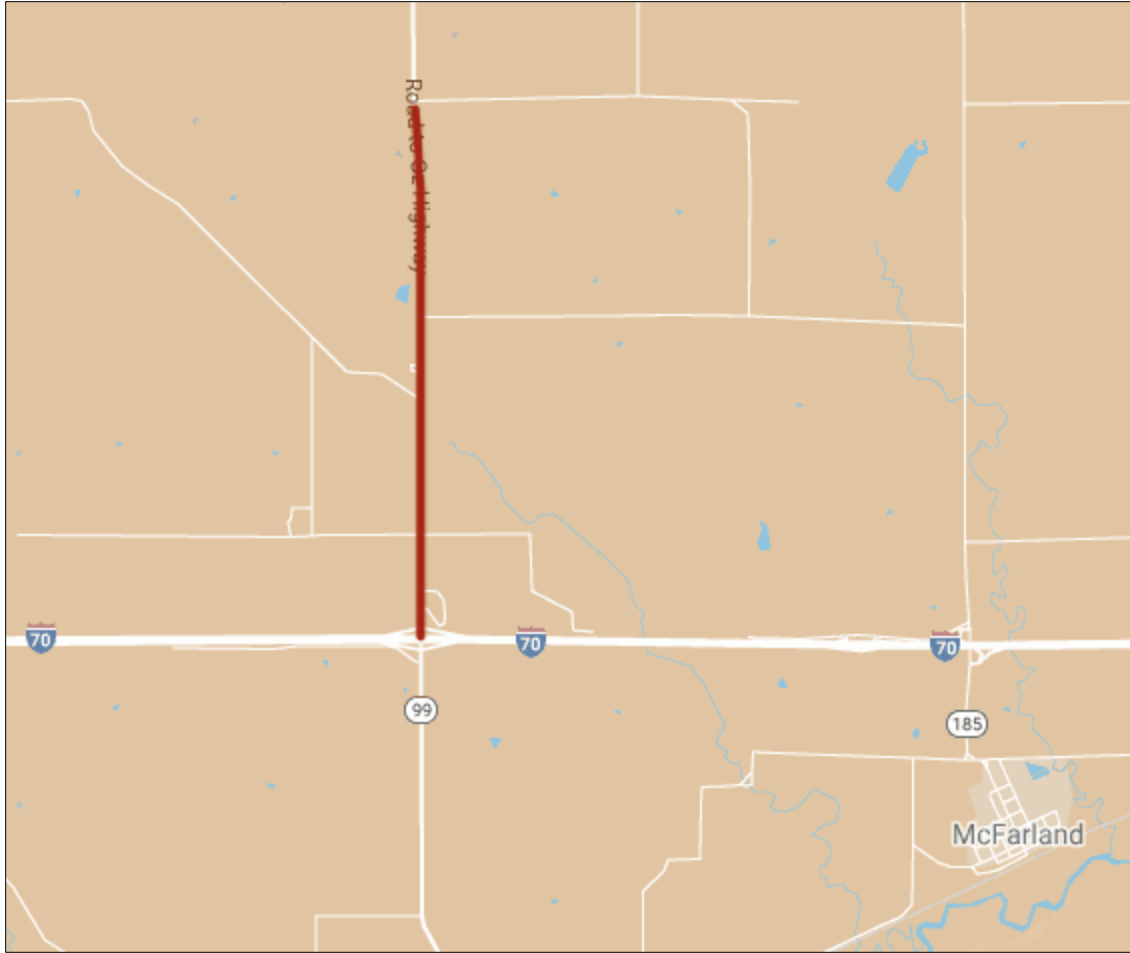
The shoo-fly is expected to be complete in June. Traffic will then utilize the detour while the new alignment and business entrances are constructed. This phase is scheduled to be complete in spring 2025.

The final phase will consist of completing work on remaining structures and tie-ins to existing pavement and entrances.

Work also includes guardrail replacements and new turn lanes at the I-70 ramps. Local roads in the project corridor will be extended to connect to the new alignment.

Total project completion is scheduled for December 2025. Impacts to traffic should be complete by summer 2025.

Ebert Construction Co., of Wamego, is the contractor on the \$11 million project.



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