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KDOT releases survey results about U.S. 69 Expansion and Modernization project

*Overland Park residents support Express Toll Lanes,
believe improvements should begin soon*

TOPEKA, Kan. – The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), along with the Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) and the City of Overland Park, have released survey findings of residents about improvements under consideration for U.S. 69.

Residents in Johnson and Miami counties completed the survey in May, which revealed several key findings:

- Nearly two-thirds (63%) of residents think traffic on U.S. 69 will at least double throughout the next 20 years.
- More than half (54%) of Overland Park residents thought people who use U.S. 69 have the most responsibility for paying for improvements between 103rd and 179th streets.
- Nearly two-thirds (62%) indicated they would use an Express Toll Lane to avoid congestion on U.S. 69 under certain conditions.
- More than half of residents (59.8%) think improvements to traffic flow between 103rd and 151st streets should begin within the next two years. About one-third (30%) of respondents thought traffic flow improvements between 151st and 179th Streets should begin within the next two years.
- Almost two-thirds (62%) of residents indicated that minimizing disruption that construction has on traffic flow should be the most important issue in determining improvements to U.S. 69 between 103rd and 179th streets.
- Most residents (87%) surveyed thought U.S. 69 is either very important (65%) or important (22%) to Overland Park businesses and jobs.

The findings were the second of two major surveys KDOT conducted to incorporate community needs and priorities into the decision-making process about the U.S. 69 Expansion and Modernization project. Complete survey results on the project can be seen

<https://www.69express.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/U.S.-69-Highway-Corridor-Survey-Findings-Report-June-4-2021rev.pdf>

The next step in the process includes the Overland Park City Council and the Project Team meeting in mid-June to review recommendations and discuss how the U.S. 69 Modernization and Expansion project will move forward. For more information, visit www.69Express.org or follow @69ExpressKS on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and [Nextdoor](#). Social media posts can be tagged with #69Express.

Project background - Initiated in fall 2020, the U.S. 69 Expansion and Modernization project is studying how best to reduce congestion along U.S. 69 between 103rd and 179th streets. After months of analysis and community engagement, two preferred solutions have emerged – adding capacity via non-tolled, general-purpose lanes or adding one new Express Toll Lane in each direction. These options best meet the project’s [purpose and need](#) based on the study team’s analysis.

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