

K-61 in McPherson County

The K-61 four-lane expansion in McPherson County was the first state highway project let for bid using ARRA funds. The project will allow for the construction of a 14.5-mile, four-lane roadway between McPherson and the Reno-McPherson County line. It will tie into similar work in Reno County completing a 23-mile, four-lane roadway between Hutchinson and McPherson.

In 2009, most of the work on the project involved bridge construction and roadway clearing. Paving work on the project is expected to begin this summer.

Koss Construction Co., Inc., Topeka, is in charge of the \$64.2 million project. The K-61 expansion, which is estimated to support more than 2,900 jobs, is expected to be completed by winter 2011.