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**Work resumes at U.S. 73 (K-7)/Parallel Parkway intersection
after winter shutdown**

Following the scheduled winter shutdown period, today project work resumed at the U.S. 73 (K-7)/Parallel Parkway intersection in Wyandotte County.

The Kansas Department of Transportation intersection improvement project, which began in September 2022, includes grading, concrete resurfacing and the installation of a Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT). Construction of the RCUT intersection design will restrict left turns at the intersection and direct traffic to the U-turn. The RCUT is also referred to as a superstreet, J-turn, reduced intersection or synchronized street.

Studies find the RCUT design has advantages over traditional intersections regarding travel congestion, signal progression, pedestrian crossing and transit service, according to the [U.S. Federal Highway Administration](#).

Traffic control will be placed and temporary traffic signals installed to prepare for upcoming switches in traffic flow. In the first phase of the project, crossovers were constructed to carry U.S. 73 (K-7) traffic head-to-head through the work zone.

Beginning March 11, northbound and southbound U.S. 73 (K-7) will be reduced to a single lane, from approximately one-half mile north of Parallel Parkway to approximately one-half mile south, and traffic directed to the crossovers. Work will take place Monday through Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Impacts to traffic are as follows (*Phase 1 of the project has been completed*):

Phase 2 (March – July 2023): single lane traffic will cross over to travel head-to-head on the existing southbound lanes;

Phase 3 (July – December 2023): single lane traffic will cross over to travel head-to-head on newly constructed northbound lanes;

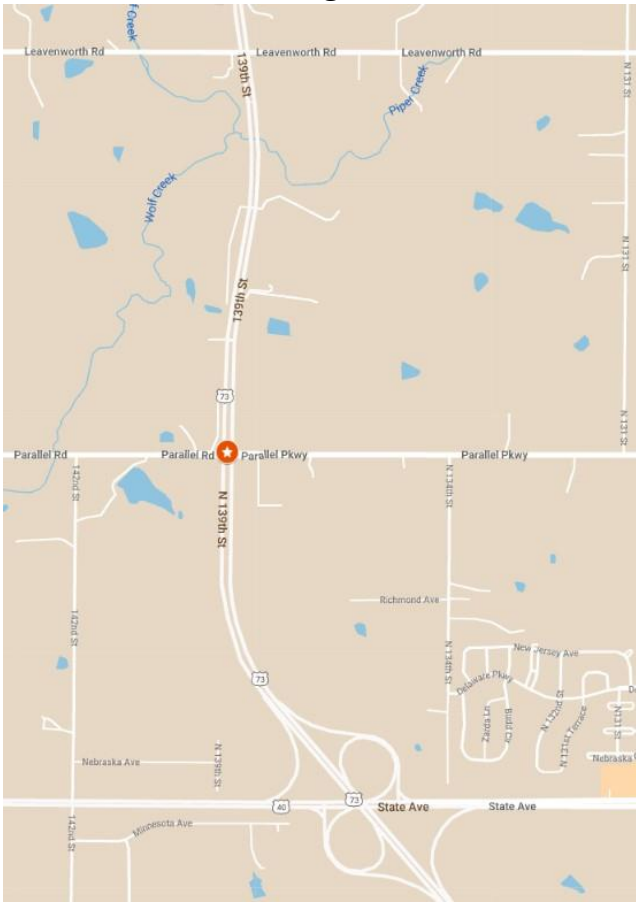
Phase 4 (December 2023): lane and shoulder closures during work hours; single lane to be opened at all times.

Traffic will be controlled using portable lane closures, portable message signs, arrow boards, signage and traffic cones.

Miles Excavating, of Basehor, is the contractor for the \$11.1 million project, which is scheduled to be completed in December 2023.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert and obey the warning signs when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. To stay aware of all road construction projects across Kansas go to www.kandrive.org or call 5-1-1. Drive safely and always wear your seat belt.

Map below shows project location marked in orange.



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