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All northbound and southbound U.S. 73 (K-7) lanes at Parallel Parkway reopen today in Wyandotte County

As part of a Kansas Department of Transportation intersection improvement project, traffic flow switches have been completed and all northbound and southbound U.S. 73 (K-7) lanes at Parallel Parkway are fully open in Wyandotte County.

Reconstruction of the US-73 (K-7)/Parallel Parkway intersection, which included grading, concrete surfacing, seeding, lighting, traffic signalization, signing and pavement marking has been mostly completed.

The final phase of the Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT) project, which began in September 2022, includes permanent seeding, permanent signing, erosion control work, traffic signal work, and removal of crossovers between lanes.

During the final phase of project work, **U.S. 73 (K-7)/Parallel Parkway turning movements will be limited and daily lane closures will be scheduled, as needed.** Work will continue Monday through Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and is scheduled to be completed in early spring 2024, weather permitting.

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

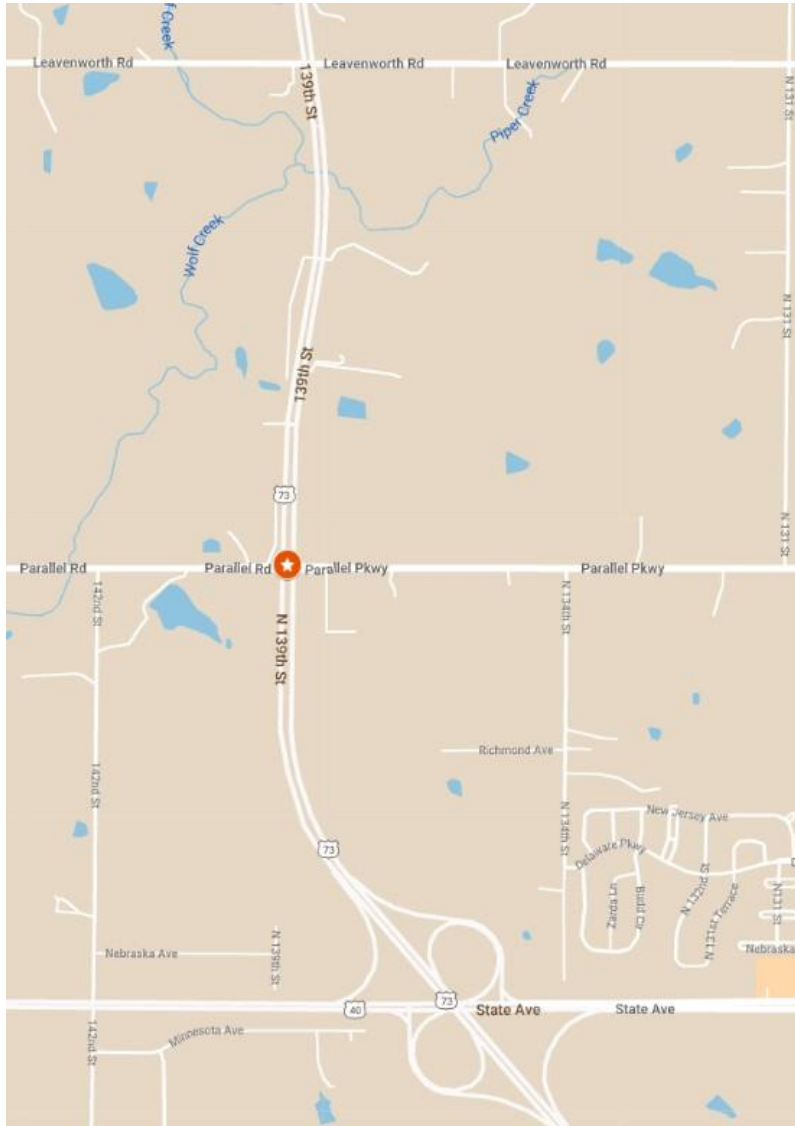
Construction of the RCUT intersection design will restrict left turns at the intersection and direct traffic to the U-turn.

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](#).

Miles Excavating, of Basehor, is the contractor for the \$11.1 million project.

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.gov 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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