

U.S. 69 Pittsburg Bypass



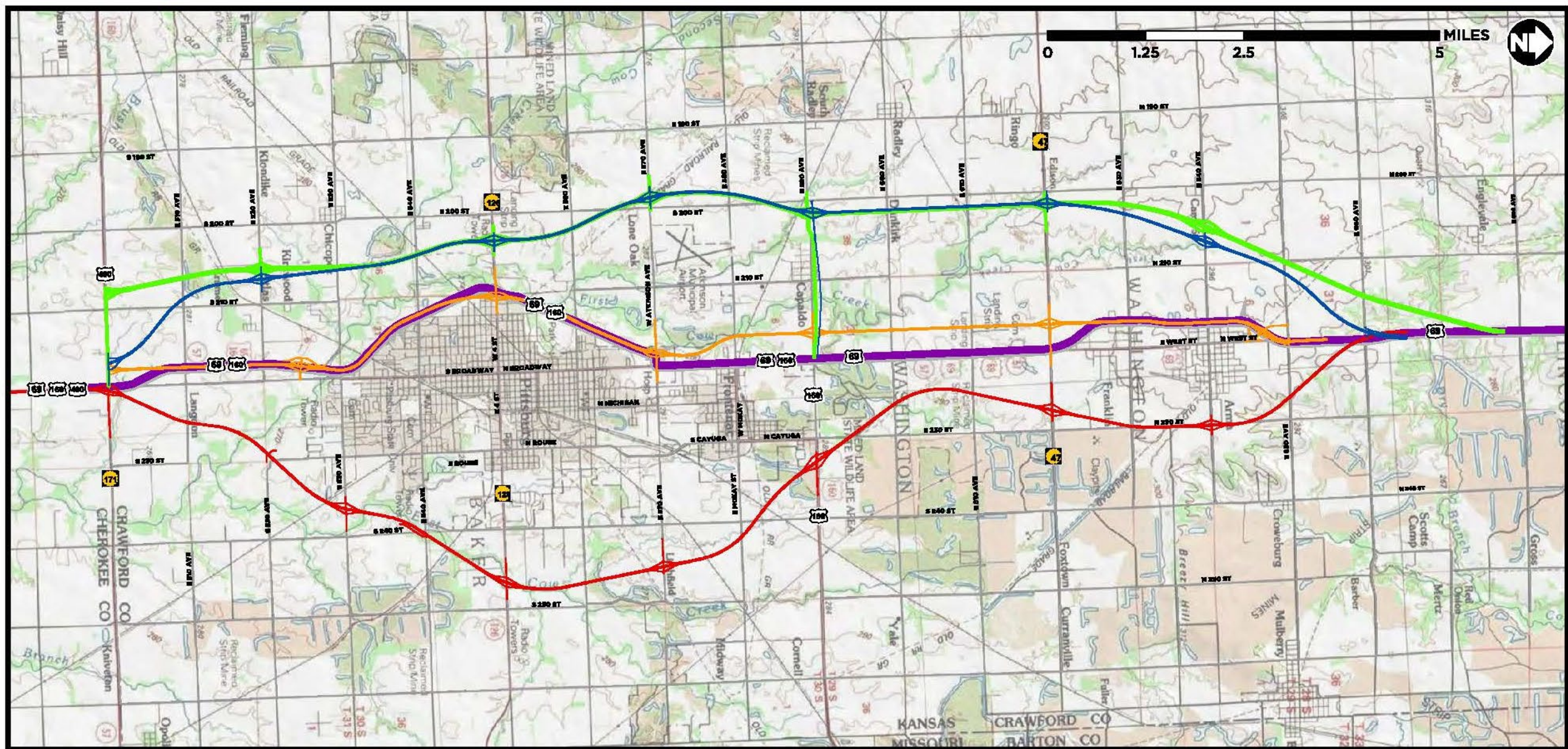
U.S. 69 Corridor Timeline

Building a 4-lane freeway in Crawford County and northern Cherokee County



Preliminary engineering study begins to find an alignment to meet the long-term goal of providing a 4-lane freeway from Kansas City to Oklahoma

- Four alternatives developed and presented at public meeting: east, west, expand existing and do nothing
- Public preference was for expanding the existing alignment – also called the Middle Alternative



- Existing Alignment
- West Alignment
- East Alignment
- Middle Alignment

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- Preliminary design begins for Middle Alternative
- Design work suspended due to funding
- Local support for Middle Alternative erodes - concerns about impacts to existing businesses and relocations that would be required
- Preference for the West Alternative emerges

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Pittsburg, Arma, Frontenac,
Girard and Crawford County
sign resolution changing
support to the West
Alternative

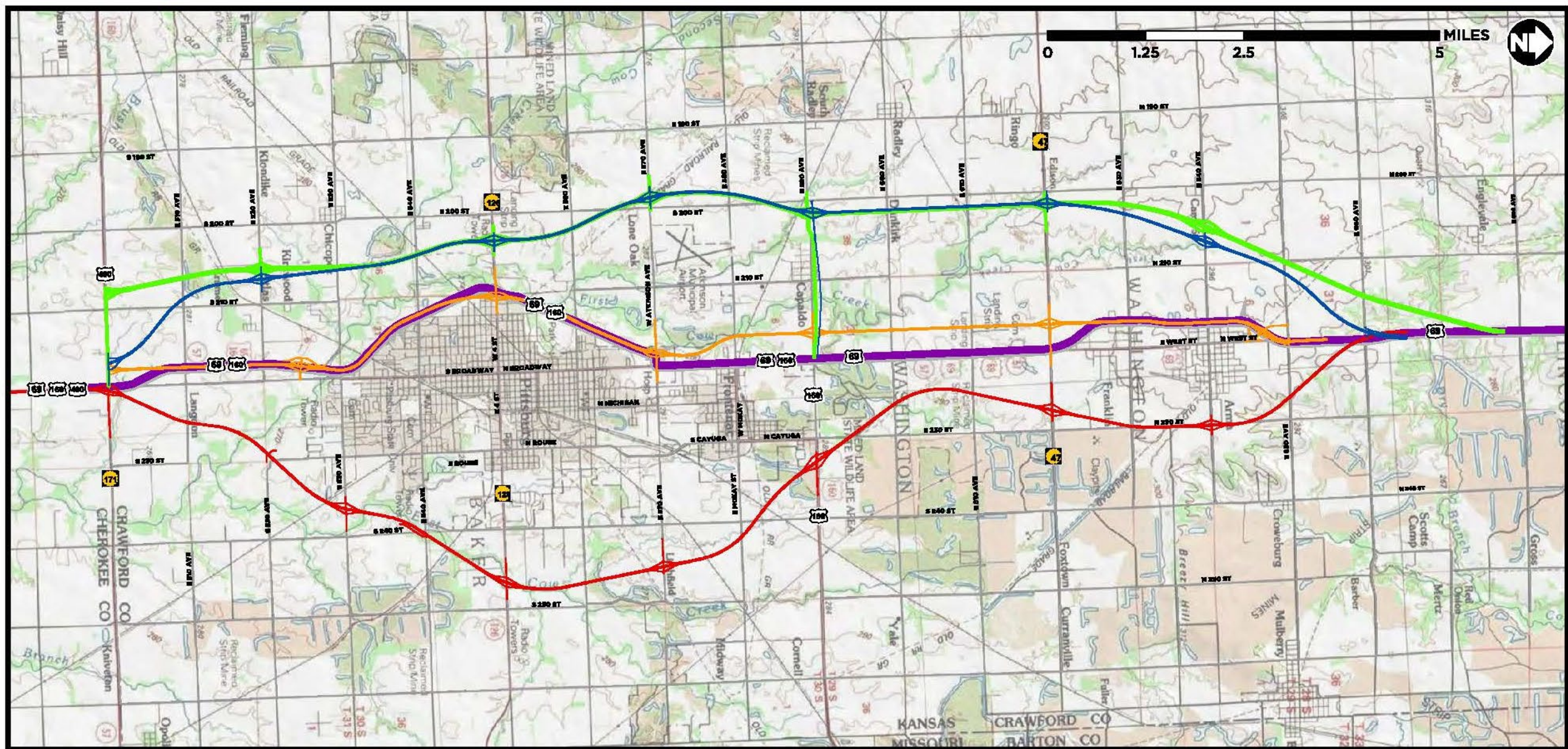
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- Funding allows work to resume:
 - Identify a preferred alignment and complete an Environmental Assessment
 - Perform engineering design work
- Public support continues for West Alternative

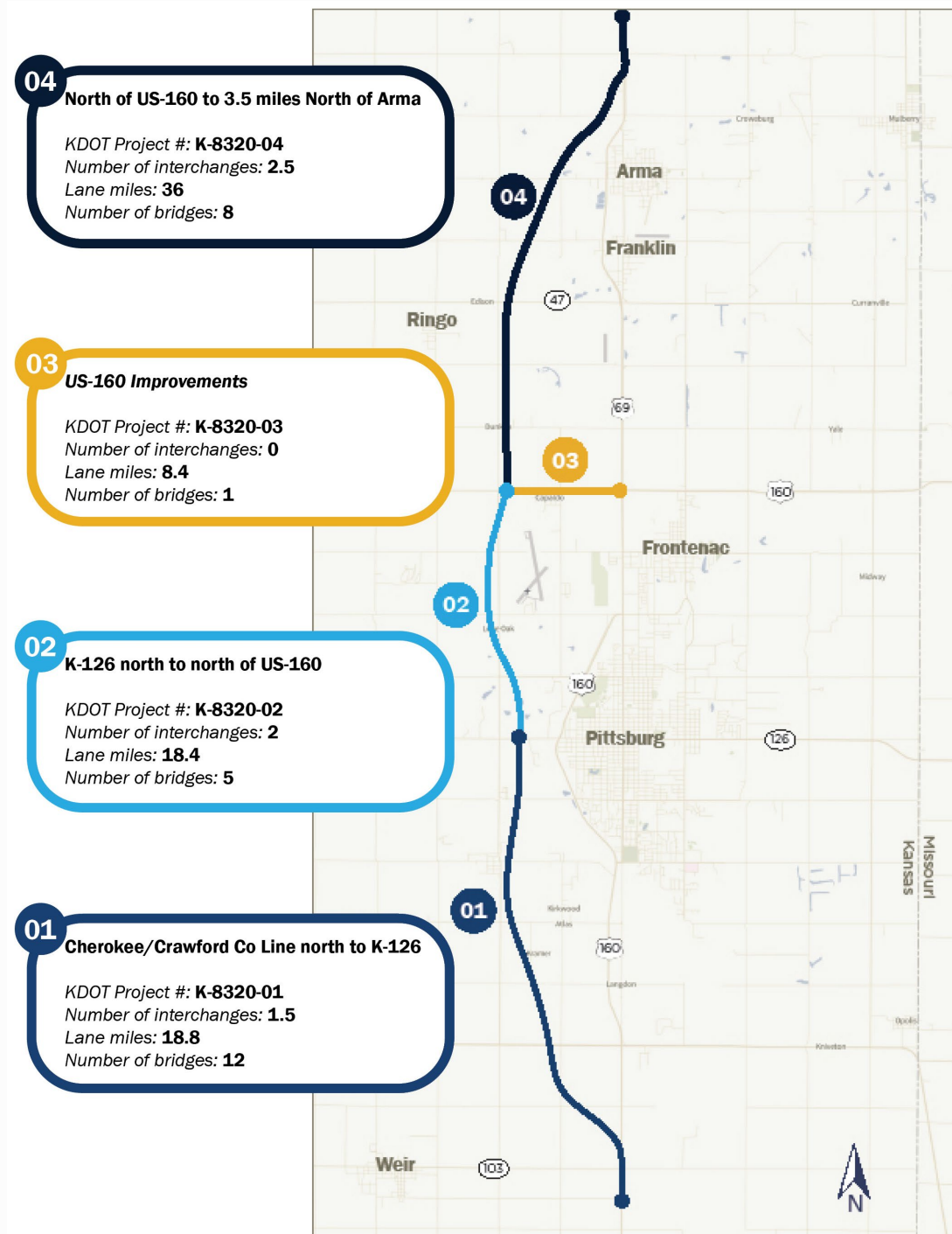
Outreach to communities along the corridor

Environmental Assessment finalized; West Alternative presented as the preferred alignment



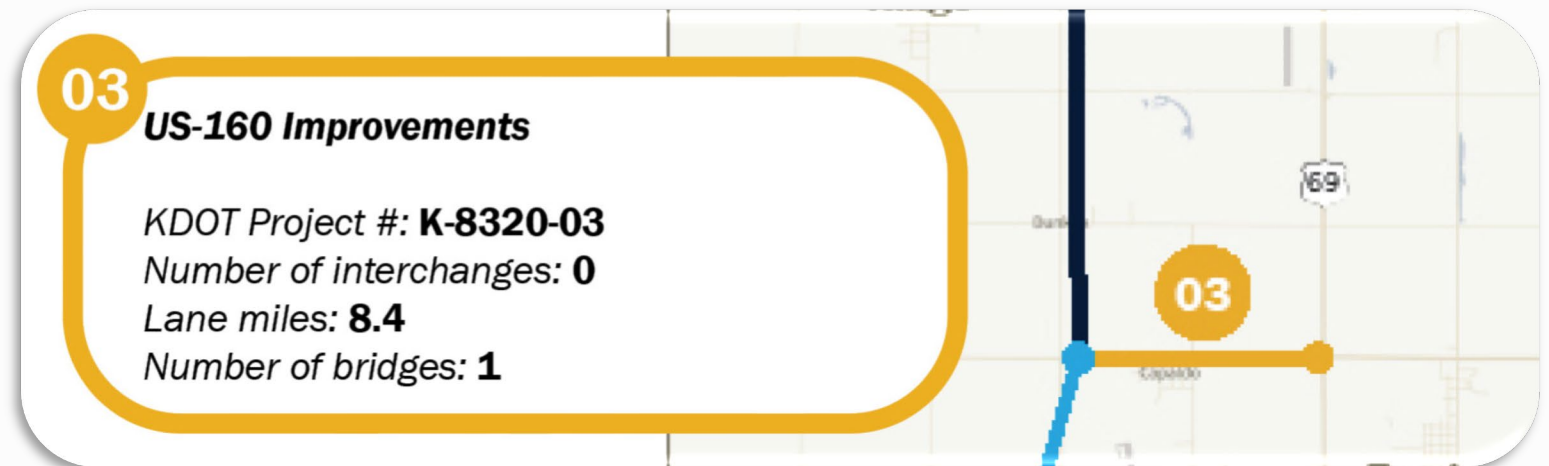
Where are we now?

- Cost estimate for bypass: \$400+ million
- 2019 & 2021 Local Consult attendees voiced support for bypass
- After 2021 Local Consult KDOT looked at the four phases of the bypass to determine next steps - Phase 3 was then added to the IKE development pipeline
- 4-lanes from Pittsburg to Kansas City completed in 2023



Where are we now?

- KDOT received \$13M federal earmark for Phase 3
- As originally designed, it would extend U.S. 160 to the west along what is now 590th Avenue for 2 miles, expanding the current 2-lane county road into a 4-lane highway
- Phase 3 is estimated to cost \$15 million



**Before moving
forward, KDOT wants
to hear from you.**



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