

I-70 TOPEKA

Polk-Quincy Viaduct



The Headlines

- Enhances safety on a heavily traveled corridor by flattening the I-70 curve near 3rd Street.
- Provides frontage road and pedestrian connections for the South Riverfront neighborhood to downtown.
- Replaces a 58-year-old viaduct requiring costly annual maintenance.
- Better “front door” to capital city.

IKE Principles

PARTNERSHIPS: In addition to the City of Topeka’s funding contribution for this project, early acquisition of right of way is allowing the Kansas Historical Society to investigate a portion of the project for Old Topeka Settlement artifacts. These are just two of the many groups that will play a role in delivering the project.

In collaboration with Topeka and an array of community partners, this project sets the stage for expected increase in economic development, including along the animal health corridor (I-70 from Manhattan to Kansas City).

“ I served on the Project Advisory Committee in 2009-2010 and Aesthetics Committee from 2012-2014. I am particularly proud of how inclusive this process was for local residents and businesses. We wanted the result to be connected, iconic and beautiful, and we think we got it.”

- Karen Hiller, Topeka Councilwoman

Project Overview

Cost Estimate	\$234 million
State Contribution	\$214 million
Local Contribution	\$20 million
Distance	2 miles
Scope	Expands I-70 from 4-lane to 6-lane from MacVicar Ave. to Topeka Blvd. and replaces the existing viaduct and roadway to 4th St.
Construction Letting	Calendar year 2024