

Public learns about plans to fix I-235 and Kellogg

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WICHITA, Kansas (KSN) -- A public information meeting for projects at the I-235 and Kellogg interchange was held Wednesday night at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center.

The project would fix slow traffic in and around I-235 and Kellogg.

It extends to work on Central, bridges at West Street, Maple Street, and over the Wichita-Valley Center Floodway.

The project would also created wider shoulders and driving lanes on both Kellogg and I-235.

"Oh, it's long overdue. You know this highway was designed for 1950's traffic," said Euel Reed, I-235 and Kellogg driver.

The first phase puts in a flyover ramp connecting I-235 traffic to Kellogg.

"Eliminating those loops on opposite corners, you just free flow into the lanes and continue northbound," said Scott King, Kansas Department of Transportation.

Phase one is already funded at \$116 million.

Phase two puts flyover ramps from eastbound Kellogg to northbound I-235.

Phase three reconstructs Kellogg from Hoover all the way to K-42.

The final phase would reconstruct I-235 from Maple to the Central interchange.

"It merges into the oncoming first lane of traffic, so there's been several accidents up in there," Dwane Scheidt, Kellogg and I-235 driver.

Phases two, three and four will cost another \$239 million and are not yet funded.