A preliminary rendering of the new Centennial Bridge

ENHANCING A VITAL CONNECTION

THE ROUTE 92 CENTENNIAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

In 2014, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), in coordination with the City of Leavenworth, Kansas, initiated an Advanced Preliminary Engineering (APE) study to determine the future of Centennial Bridge. In service for 60 years, and having only two lanes, the bridge was already outdated. After conducting additional research and inviting public feedback, the decision was made to replace the bridge with a more modern river crossing just to the north. The new bridge will expand vehicle capacity, add resources for pedestrians and cyclists, improve river features, and continue the Centennial Bridge legacy.

BENEFITS OF THE NEW BRIDGE WILL INCLUDE:

- The new bridge will not be tolled.
- Doubling the number of traffic lanes.
- Improving flood resilience in the area.
- Providing combined use pedestrian and bicycle accommodations.
- Resolving Missouri River navigation challenges.

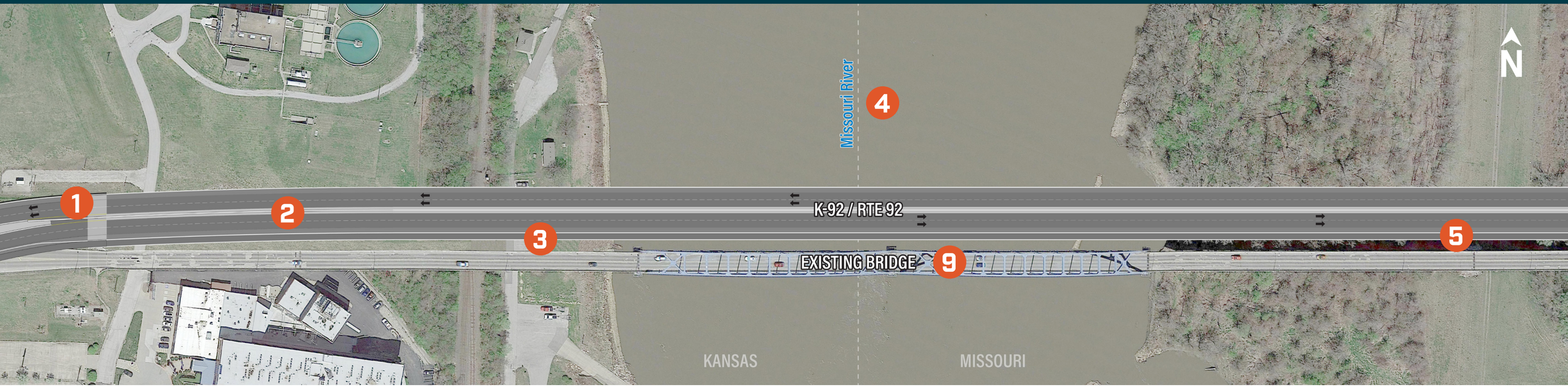
WHAT IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT?

The Environmental Assessment (EA) process begins when a major federal action, such as the replacement of Centennial Bridge, is proposed. EAs are required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

The FHWA's EA process combines environmental investigations, reviews, and consultations into a single, streamlined process that complies with environmental requirements. The actions listed below satisfy DOT requirements for highway, public transportation, and railroad actions.

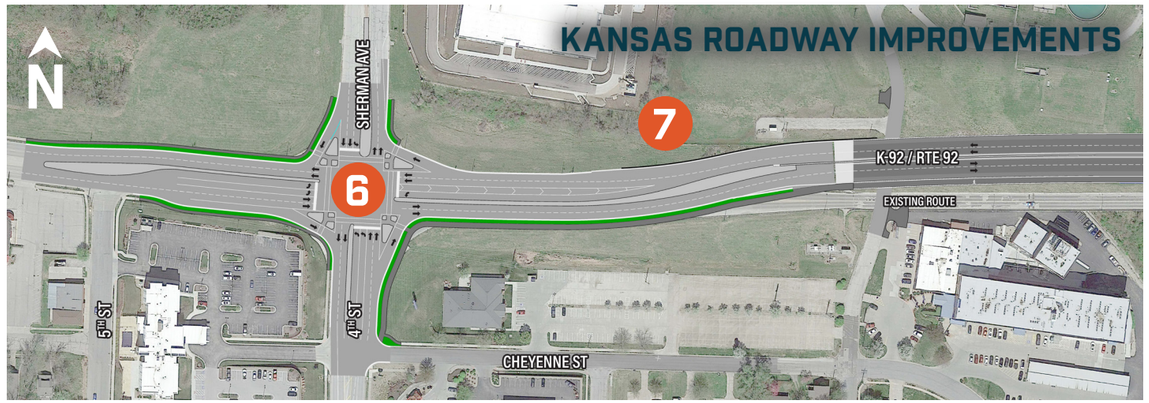
THE EA PROCESS

- Gathers information on existing conditions, including:
  - Natural Resources
  - Human Environment
  - Physical Resources
- Considers a range of reasonable alternatives.
- Analyzes potential impacts of alternatives on existing conditions.
- Complies with other applicable environmental laws and executive orders.



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

1. Increased safety and efficiency by expanding to four lanes.
2. Center traffic barrier includes top-railing for driver visibility.
3. Dedicated pedestrian and cycling pathway with overlooks.
4. Designed to improve Missouri River navigation and flood resilience.
5. Pedestrian and bicycle path enables future trail or resource connections.
6. Expansion of Sherman Ave. and 4th St. intersection to accommodate expanded bridge traffic.
7. Gradual alignment change to meet new bridge.
8. New northern bypass lane to relieve roundabout traffic.
9. With the exception of limited, temporary closures, the existing bridge will remain open as the new bridge is constructed.



COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

KDOT is collaborating with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and area stakeholders. Engineering consulting firms HDR Inc. and TranSystems are working to advance bridge and roadway design, and conduct environmental and traffic studies, river analysis, and public and stakeholder outreach. The project team is working with local stakeholders, including leaders from the City of Leavenworth and Leavenworth County, Kansas, US Army Garrison Fort Leavenworth, local utilities, municipal departments, railway companies, and local businesses and enterprise organizations, to understand community needs and preferences for the new bridge.

On behalf of our entire project team, thank you for supporting this important initiative!

A proposed monument on the west side of the new bridge would welcome residents and visitors to Leavenworth.

The bike and pedestrian pathway would provide users a new way to enjoy and experience the natural environment.

ANTICIPATED TIMELINE

2023

FEBRUARY
★ Public Meeting

AUGUST
Environmental (NEPA) Public Hearing

OCTOBER
Field Review & City/State Agreement

2024

JANUARY
Begin Right-of-Way Activities

2025

2025
Continue Right-of-Way Activities

2026

APRIL
★ Complete Right-of-Way Activities

JUNE
★ Design Complete

AUGUST
Bid Letting*

2027

EARLY 2027
★ Construction Begins*

2028

2029

2029
Construction Complete*

★ New Centennial Bridge Opens*

Old Centennial Bridge Demolished*

★ Key milestones

*Tentative date pending approval for construction.

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