2028 | BUILDING THE NEW FLYOVER CONNECTIONS

What's happening

- The primary focus will be constructing the new flyover bridges connecting southbound I-35/westbound I-80 to westbound I-80 and eastbound I-235.
- Continue roadway and ramp construction associated with the new interchange configuration.

Traffic impacts

- **The northbound I-35 to eastbound I-235 ramp will close from April through November 2028.**
- The westbound I-235 to southbound I-35 ramp will close beginning in April 2028 and reopen in July 2029.
  - The ramp is being reconstructed to provide enough vertical clearance beneath the new flyover.
- The eastbound entrance ramps at Valley West Drive will be closed April through July 2028.
- The eastbound entrance from 50th Street and eastbound exit to Valley West Drive will be closed July through November 2028.

2029 | FINAL CONNECTIONS AND COMPLETION

What's happening

- Reconstruct westbound I-235 between 50th and 60th streets and add an additional lane.
- Reconnect westbound I-235 to the new roadway configuration.
- Remove the old southbound-to-eastbound loop ramp and southbound-to-westbound ramps that have been replaced by the new flyover ramps.

Traffic impacts

- The northbound I-35 to westbound I-235 ramp will close April through July 2029 while it is reconnected to the new westbound I-235 pavement.
- The westbound I-235 to southbound I-35 ramp, closed since April 2028, is expected to reopen in July 2029.
- Final traffic shifts and ramp changes will occur as the new interchange configuration is completed.

SCHEDULE UPDATES, CLOSURES, & MORE!

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SOUTHWEST MIXMASTER RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

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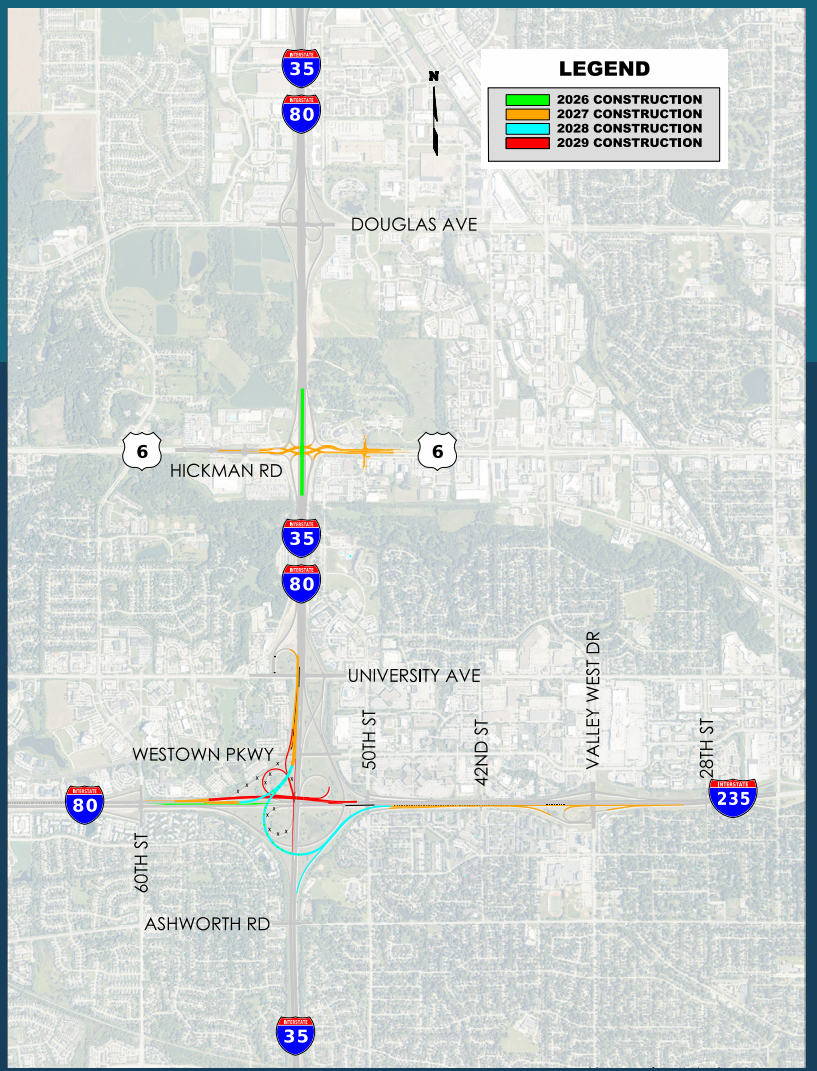
Project Description

The project will reconfigure the interchange to improve safety, traffic flow and capacity as traffic volumes continue to grow.

A new flyover bridge will carry southbound I-35/ westbound I-80 traffic to eastbound I-235 and westbound I-80.

The existing loop ramp to eastbound I-235 and ramp to westbound I-80 will be replaced by the new flyover bridges.

Additional lanes and improved traffic movements will help reduce weaving and improve traffic flow.



Construction Schedule

2026 | GETTING STARTED

What's happening

- Build piers for the new flyover bridge.
- Add temporary pavement.
- Install temporary barrier rail and restripe pavement.
- Complete all project-related interstate work on I-35/80 between University and Douglas avenues by the end of the year to avoid conflicts with construction at the mixmaster project.

Traffic impacts

- One lane of the ramp from eastbound I-80 to northbound I-35/ eastbound I-80 will be closed for approximately 20 days in October/ November to build a construction entrance.
- No full lane or ramp closures are planned for 2026.

2027 | WIDENING ROADWAYS & PREPARING FOR THE FLYOVERS

What's happening

- Widen southbound I-35/westbound I-80 from University Avenue south to I-235.
- Pave eastbound I-235 between 50th Street and 28th Street to widen the roadway and add an auxiliary lane.
- Pave westbound I-80 between the mixmaster and 60th Street.
- Begin construction of the diverging diamond configuration at the Hickman Road interchange.

Traffic impacts

- **The University Avenue entrance ramp to southbound I-35/westbound I-80 will close in spring 2027 and remain closed through the end of 2029.**
  - **When it reopens, it will connect only to southbound I-35.**
  - **Drivers wanting to access westbound I-80 or eastbound I-235 will need to use a different interchange.**
- Hickman Road under the interstate, between the ramps, will close while the diverging diamond is constructed.
  - The Hickman Road ramps will remain open.
  - Traffic movements will be right-in/right-out, which may not work as a detour depending on the driver's destination.

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