

= K @-@ 43 ( Kansas highway ) =

K @-@ 43 is a 20 @.@ 718 @-@ mile @-@ long ( 33 @.@ 342 km ) state highway in the U.S. state of Kansas . The highway runs from K @-@ 4 in Hope north to Interstate 70 ( I @-@ 70 ) and U.S. Route 40 ( US @-@ 40 ) north of Detroit . The entire highway is located within Dickinson County . K @-@ 43 is maintained by the Kansas Department of Transportation ( KDOT ) , and is a relatively minor highway . K @-@ 43 is not part of the National Highway System . The highway was established around 1932 , with the northern terminus being the now decommissioned US @-@ 40S . In 1962 , the route was extended north a bit to a new diamond interchange with I @-@ 70 .

= = Route description = =

K @-@ 43 begins at an intersection with K @-@ 4 at the northern city limit of Hope . The highway heads north for about seven miles ( 11 km ) before turning west and entering the small community of Navarre . The route crosses the BNSF Railway and turns to the north , continuing through flat farmland . The highway crosses the railway again before entering the city of Enterprise . In Enterprise , K @-@ 43 turns east along 5th Street , then north onto Factory Street . The highway curves northwest and crosses the BNSF Railway a third time before crossing the Smoky Hill River on a 160 @-@ foot @-@ long ( 49 m ) truss bridge constructed in 1924 .

Upon crossing this bridge , K @-@ 43 leaves Enterprise . The route bends to the north and crosses the BNSF Railway a fourth and final time . Continuing north through level plains , K @-@ 43 meets a railroad operated by Union Pacific and comes to an intersection with its former northern terminus at an old alignment of US @-@ 40 . At this intersection , the route turns to the northeast and travels through the community of Detroit before turning back to the north . North of here , K @-@ 43 meets its northern terminus at a diamond interchange with I @-@ 70 and US @-@ 40 .

K @-@ 43 is maintained by the Kansas Department of Transportation ( KDOT ) . The traffic numbers on the route in 2012 , measured in annual average daily traffic , were relatively low compared to other state highways . Between 185 and 1900 vehicles traveled the highway each day , including between 30 and 95 trucks . The most traffic was present in the segment of the highway between Enterprise and Detroit . No segment of K @-@ 43 is included in the National Highway System , a system of highways considered to be important to the nation 's defense , economy , and mobility .

= = History = =

K @-@ 43 first appears on the 1932 state highway map . At that time it followed largely the same alignment it does today , running from K @-@ 4 in Hope to an intersection with what was then US @-@ 40S . Most of the road was dirt , but it was paved with gravel from Enterprise north to its northern terminus . By 1936 , the whole route had been upgraded to gravel pavement . In 1945 , the portion north of Enterprise was paved . The entire highway had been paved by 1956 . In 1962 , the highway was extended slightly to the north , moving its northern terminus from US @-@ 40 to an interchange with the newly constructed I @-@ 70 . The route has not changed significantly since 1962 .

= = Major intersections = =

The entire route is in Dickinson County .