Summer road construction continues on KU campus

An aerial view shows road construction as it bends around Jayhawk Boulevard adjacent to Fraser Hall on Wednesday, July 22, 2015. The project is scheduled for completion by Aug. 14 Enlarge photo

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A portion of the Kansas University campus’s main artery — Jayhawk Boulevard — is still torn up but remains on track to be completed before students return to campus.

The 14th Street and Jayhawk Boulevard intersection is back open after being closed earlier this summer, with the rest of the boulevard — from Lilac Lane to Sunflower Road — anticipated to reopen, weather permitting, by Aug. 14, according to KU spokeswoman Erinn Barcomb-Peterson.

Work at 14th Street and Jayhawk Boulevard — part of the third phase of the Jayhawk Boulevard reconstruction project — includes replacing all deteriorated underground utilities, adding new pavement and sidewalks, relocating the traffic control booth to the west of Lilac Lane and adding new LED lighting, Barcomb-Peterson said.

The project cost is $3.6 million, she said. She said as with the first two phases of the Jayhawk Boulevard project, which began at the Chi Omega fountain, donors are supporting the additional costs for landscaping and re-establishing the tree canopy.

A number of other projects are underway on campus, including reconstruction of 15th Street from Burdick Drive to Naismith
Drive, in front of Learned Hall. That project’s projected completion date is Aug. 16, according to KU Design and Construction Management.

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