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Road improvement projects receive funding

Projects that will improve intersections and address road deficiencies in 11 Kansas cities will receive fiscal year 2016 funding under the Kansas Department of Transportation's Geometric Improvement program.

In addition, 30 resurfacing projects will be funded under KDOT's City Connecting Links (KLINK) program that improves state highways that extend through cities.

The state will provide \$6.23 million for the Geometric Improvement projects, which will be built at an estimated cost of \$7.7 million. The cities will provide matching funds to cover the remainder of the costs. The percent of state funding is based on the size of the city and ranges from 75 percent for the largest cities to 100 percent for the smallest.

KDOT received 40 applications requesting \$27.7 million under the popular program. Roads selected for Geometric Improvement funding are part of the state highway system but are located within city limits.

Communities selected for the Geometric Improvement program and maximum state contribution include:

Marysville, \$750,000; Junction City, \$268,000; Clifton, \$666,000; Stockton, \$286,200; Colby, \$800,000; Hoxie, \$30,000; Girard, \$750,000; Weir, \$700,000; El Dorado, \$570,000; Pratt, \$800,000; and Cimarron, \$700,000.

Under the KLINK program, KDOT will provide \$5.6 million for projects estimated to cost \$11.7 million for fiscal year 2015. The program provides either 50 percent or 75 percent (not to exceed \$200,000) of the project cost, based on population.

Cities receiving KLINK funding include Atchison, Emporia, Horton, Leavenworth, Olathe, Osage, Abilene, Clay Center, Concordia, Council Grove, Junction City, Lindsborg, McPherson, Phillipsburg, Russell, Coffeyville, Independence, Parsons, Pittsburg, Augusta, Caldwell, El Dorado, Great Bend, Hoisington, Hutchinson, Pratt, Wellington, Wichita, Winfield, and Garden City.

Both the Geometric Improvement Program and KLINK Resurfacing Program are funded under the T-WORKS transportation program, which was passed by the 2010 Legislature. To track these and other T-WORKS projects, visit the T-WORKS website at <http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/>

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