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KDOT receives rail grant for Lawrence station

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has received an \$87,563 grant to improve and restore the Amtrak Station in Lawrence as part of the federal High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) Program.

KDOT will work with the City of Lawrence on this project, which involves the preliminary engineering and final design for station improvements. It will ultimately improve the station for passengers on the Amtrak Southwest Chief national route between Chicago and Los Angeles.

“This is the first step in improving the station so that it can better serve the traveling public,” said John Maddox, KDOT Freight and Rail Program Manager. “We look forward to finalizing plans and beginning work on this project in the near future.”

The HSIRP began in June 2009 as an effort to help transform America’s transportation system through the creation of a national network of high-speed rail corridors. A total of 136 applications have been selected for funding in the past two years.

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