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Transportation Enhancement projects selected by KDOT

The Kansas Department of Transportation has selected 18 projects for inclusion in its Transportation Enhancement program for Federal Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012.

KDOT received 55 applications from local units of government for funding consideration totaling over \$42 million. The applications for Federal Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012 projects were accepted during an application period of August 2009 through December, 2009.

Transportation Enhancement projects under this federal program include facilities for pedestrians and bicycles; pedestrian and bicycle safety and education activities; acquisition of scenic or historic easements and sites; scenic or historical highway programs; landscaping and scenic beautification; historic preservation; rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities; conversion of abandoned railway corridors to trails; control or removal of outdoor advertising; archaeological planning and research; and establishment of transportation museums.

Total cost for the 18 selected projects is \$14.8 million. A minimum of 20 percent of the project cost must come from the applicant. Below is a list of the selected projects.

Historical Projects

Atchison County – Rehabilitate historic Warren Truss Bridge on Haskell Road over Stranger Creek near Farmington; **Garden City** – Exterior preservation and structural stabilization of Historic Windsor Hotel; **Leavenworth** - Replacement and restoration of all structural stonework on the exterior of the historic Union Pacific Railroad depot building; **Seneca** – Historic brick street restoration including ADA compliant sidewalks along Main Street from 3rd to 6th Streets; **Goodland** – Restoration of historical brick street on Main Street between 11th and 13th.

Scenic/Environmental Projects

Alma – Downtown Streetscape with concrete sidewalks, pavers, pavement marking, structural glass portal and streetscape amenities; **Lyons** – Extension to a previous streetscape project with sidewalk repair/replacement, lighting and landscaping; **Manhattan** – Construction of phase III and IV of the drainage improvement and landscaping project along Tuttle Creek Boulevard from Bluemont Avenue to McCall Road; **Minneola** – Downtown Streetscape with concrete sidewalks, lighting, pavement marking, ADA improvements on Main Street from Ash Street to U.S. 54; **Logan County** – Construct a Buffalo Bill Visitor/Cultural Center; **Hiawatha** – Construction of Phase II of Downtown Streetscape which includes sidewalks, lighting, planters and some utility adjustments.

Pedestrian/Bicycle

Marysville – Pedestrian/bicycle path on rail banked Union Pacific Railroad railbed; **Derby** – Pedestrian/bicycle path with signage, pavement markings and landscaping; **Wichita** – Redbud Trail pedestrian/bicycle path, Segments 1, 2 and 3, along the rail banked Burlington Northern Santa Fe corridor; **Iola** – Extension of the Prairie Spirit Trail pedestrian/bicycle path within the city limits; **Ottawa** – Pedestrian sidewalks and bicycle lanes on west 15th Street; **Tonganoxie** – Tonganoxie Trail, Phase II, pedestrian/bicycle path connecting to the existing Chieftain Trail; **Shawnee** – Clear

Creek Trail pedestrian/bicycle path, Phase III, connecting to the Gary Haller Trail pedestrian/bicycle path.

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