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Governor Laura Kelly Announces 34 Cities Across Kansas to Receive \$28M for Local Highway Improvements

FORT SCOTT – Governor Laura Kelly announced today that 34 cities across Kansas have been selected to receive a total of \$28.65 million for improvements to the State Highway System located within city boundaries. The funds will be directed to preserve and improve pavement, add turn lanes, and modify intersections along essential roadways in both rural and urban areas throughout the state.

The grants are administered through the Kansas Department of Transportation's City Connecting Link Improvement Program (CCLIP). The program is an important component of the state's bipartisan transportation program, IKE, passed under the Kelly Administration.

“By making this investment, we're improving the safety and accessibility of Kansas roadways that are local centers of community life,” **Governor Laura Kelly said.** “Through these grants, we're delivering economic opportunities throughout rural and urban Kansas.”

Governor Kelly and Transportation Secretary Julie Lorenz announced the CCLIP awards in Fort Scott, where \$1.5 million in CCLIP funds will be directed to improvements on U.S. 54, also known as Wall Street.

KDOT was able to increase CCLIP funding level for this selection cycle by more than \$10 million over previous years due to additional federal funds coming to Kansas as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation (BIL). Both federal and state funds are designated for the CCLIP program and local matching funds are required based on city population.

“With the Connecting Link program, KDOT partners with communities to find solutions to support local transportation priorities,” **Transportation Secretary Lorenz said.** “I very much appreciate the power of the state and communities pooling funds to make improvements.”

A City Connecting Link is defined as any routing of the State Highway System located within the corporate limits of a city, not including the Interstate System. For this CCLIP cycle applying to state fiscal years 2024-2025, KDOT received 54 applications requesting \$38 million.

There are three categories of CCLIP projects: Surface Preservation (SP), which extends the life of the driving surface; Pavement Restoration (PR), which rehabilitates or replaces pavement; and Geometric Improvement (GI), which addresses safety or capacity by improving roadway turn lanes, intersections, or modifying lane configurations.

For each project – the category, city, highway, and amount awarded include:

Category	City	Highway	CCLIP Funds
	Northeast Kansas		
SP	Atchison	US-59	\$400,000
SP	Bonner Springs	K-32	\$400,000
SP	Emporia	US-50	\$400,000
SP	Kansas City	US-169	\$400,000
SP	Lawrence	US-59	\$400,000

PR	Marysville	US-77	\$1,250,000
	North Central Kansas		
SP	Clay Center	K-15	\$400,000
SP	Concordia	K-9	\$400,000
PR	Herington	US-56B	\$1,250,000
PR	Moundridge	K-260	\$800,000
PR	White City	K-4	\$1,250,000
	Northwest Kansas		
SP	Colby	K-25	\$400,000
PR	Smith Center	K-204	\$1,300,000
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PR	Stockton	US-24	\$1,100,000
	Southeast Kansas		
PR	Baxter Springs	US-69A	\$1,000,000
GI	Fort Scott	US-54	\$1,500,000
SP	Independence	US-160	\$400,000
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GI	Madison	K-58	\$1,500,000
PR	Parsons	US-59	\$1,250,000
	South Central Kansas		

PR	Anthony	K-44	\$900,000
SP	El Dorado	US-77	\$400,000
SP	Great Bend	US-281/US-56	\$400,000
PR	Hoisington	K-4	\$1,250,000
PR	Kingman	US-54	\$1,250,000
SP	Larned	US-56	\$400,000
PR	Pratt	US-281	\$750,000
PR	Wellington	US-81	\$1,250,000
SP	Winfield	US-160	\$400,000
	Southwest Kansas		
SP	Dodge City	US-50	\$400,000
PR	Lakin	K-25	\$1,250,000
PR	Ness City	K-96	\$1,000,000
GI	Ulysses	US-160	\$1,500,000
		TOTAL:	\$28,650,000

Photos from today's announcement for media use can be found below.

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