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Governor Kelly Announces \$3.5M for Innovative Technology Projects

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced today that \$3.5 million will be awarded to 13 projects through the Kansas Department of Transportation’s Innovative Technology Program. The program makes investments that improve safety, access, or mobility and implement new transportation technology.

“My administration is delivering technological advancements to increase transportation safety in every corner of the state,” **Governor Laura Kelly said**. “Through collaboration with local entities, this investment supports innovative transportation improvements in rural and urban communities.”

All transportation system projects are eligible for Innovative Technology funding. Examples of projects selected for technology upgrades in this round include aviation and rail upgrades, traffic engineering and school zone enhancements, and truck simulators for CDL (commercial driver’s license) program expansion.

State funding for the 13 projects will be enhanced by a minimum 25% local match from each recipient, resulting in a total innovative technology investment of more than \$5.3 million. The program is part of the Kelly administration’s bipartisan 10-year, \$10 billion Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program, also known as IKE.

“New and emerging technologies offer the potential for a safer, more efficient transportation system,” **said Transportation Secretary Calvin Reed**. “This latest round of Innovative Technology projects demonstrates how Kansas communities are proactively turning to technology to improve operations for now and the future.”

Projects selected through the Innovative Technology program for FY 2024 include:

KDOT - Awarded Innovative Technology Projects			
Project Name	Applicant Organization	County	KDOT funds
Advanced UAS Flight Operations and Simulation Center	Kansas State University - Salina	Saline	\$1,000,000
Rail Freight Bulk Scale	Bestifor	Republic	\$959,925
Clean-Agent Fire Suppression System	Salina Regional Airport	Saline	\$900,000
Truck Simulators for CDL Program Expansion	Seward County Community College	Seward	\$335,625
Safety View Software Application	City of Overland Park	Johnson	\$131,249
Traffic Signal Battery Back-Ups	City of Great Bend	Barton	\$58,802
El Dorado Street Condition Assessment with AI	City of El Dorado	Butler	\$52,500
Replace School Crossing Lights and Signage	City of Rossville	Shawnee	\$21,000
Noninvasive Barrier Repair Lightweight System	Kansas State University	Riley	\$18,682
Jet Plain Road Runner Road Grader Trailer	Greeley County	Greeley	\$14,437
Digital Speed Sign	City of Olsburg	Pottawatomie	\$7,500
Radar Speed Sign	City of Valley Falls	Jefferson	\$6,217
School Zone Sign Enhancement	Pottawatomie County	Pottawatomie	\$6,000
Total:			\$3,511,937