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## **Cities selected for funding under KDOT's Geometric Improvement Program**

Projects that will improve intersections and address road deficiencies in 14 cities will receive fiscal year 2014 funding under the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) Geometric Improvement Program. The three northeast Kansas cities that were selected as recipients for these program funds include: **Manhattan**, \$216,000; **Lawrence**, \$500,000; and **Seneca**, \$700,000.

The **Manhattan improvement project** located at Tuttle Creek Boulevard/US-24 and Leavenworth Street includes reconfiguration of the intersection to eliminate split phasing of traffic signals and improve overall traffic flow, eliminate non-warranted double left-turns for eastbound traffic, and upgrade adjacent intersection sidewalks to address ADA concerns.

The **Lawrence improvement project** located at the 23rd Street/K-10 and Iowa Street/US-59 includes the addition of double left-turn lanes for eastbound and westbound 23rd Street/K-10 traffic and reconfiguration at the intersection for free flow right-turn lanes for westbound and northbound traffic.

The **Seneca improvement project** located on US-36 between 1st Street and 11th Street will improve drainage along this stretch of highway. The curb and gutter will be raised higher, drainage inlets added and a larger "trunk line" or major channel constructed for improved flow.

The state will provide \$8.7 million for the 14 statewide projects, which have a total estimated cost of nearly \$13 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 44 applications requesting \$25.5 million in funding (for projects totaling \$36 million). Roads selected for Geometric Improvement Program funding are part of the state highway system but located within city limits.

Communities selected for the program and the state contribution include: **Manhattan**, \$216,000; **Seneca**, \$700,000; **Lawrence**, \$500,000; **Jewell**, \$678,100; **Abilene**, \$691,300; **Sharon Springs**, \$612,500; **Norton**, \$750,000; **Coffeyville**, \$450,000; **Pittsburg**, \$800,000; **Lyons**, \$750,000; **Wellington**, \$495,000; **Newton**, \$594,000; **Garden City**, \$850,000; and **Jetmore**, \$700,000.

The projects 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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