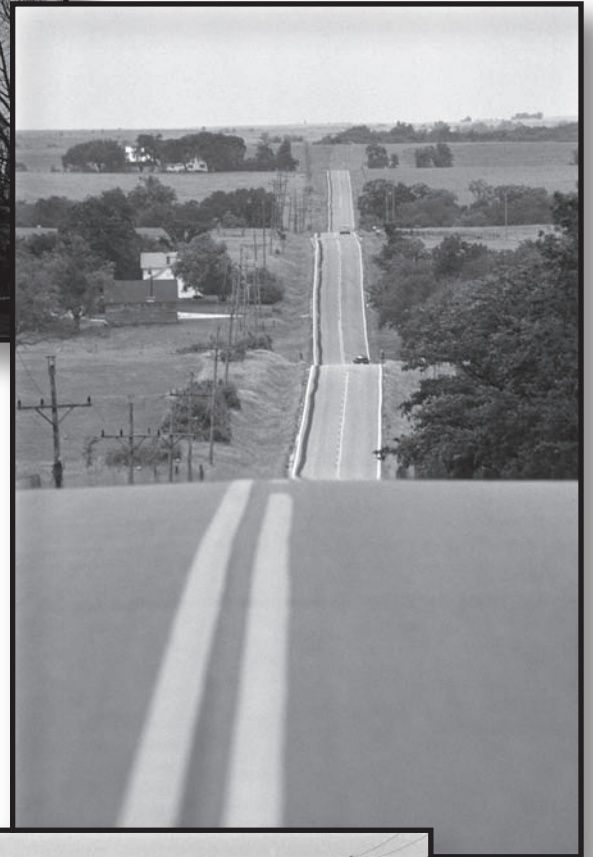


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In compliance with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirements, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has developed the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for Kansas.

The STIP has been categorized into three general sections:

- 1) Statewide Public Transit Projects
- 2) Federal Lands Highway Program Projects
- 3) All street and highway projects administered by KDOT

The comprehensive list of programmed projects provided under category three above includes all projects regardless of funding source to be administered by the Kansas Department of Transportation for the next four federal fiscal years. This list includes city and county projects, as well as projects on the State Highway System. This approach allows currently scheduled projects to be converted to federal aid, if necessary, without undue delay and revision to the STIP. Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for the urbanized areas in Kansas are included in this STIP by reference. The TIPs included are those in force for each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) at the time of STIP preparation. As new TIPs are adopted by each MPO, they are amended without

modification to this STIP. Projects located within each MPO Area (Kansas City, Wichita, Topeka, Lawrence, and St. Joseph) are not listed in this STIP, unless the project is using advanced construction funding. Projects using advanced construction funding located within an MPO area are included in the Advance Construction Index.

For convenience and easy reference, projects listed under category three have been listed by federal fiscal year, by work phase (CONST – Construction and Construction Engineering, PE – Preliminary Engineering, ROW – Right of Way and UTIL – Utilities), by county and by project number. The projects are also provided in an index by county and project number showing the current work phase cost estimate and the year the work phase is expected to be obligated. Additionally, there is an advance construction index that lists projects with advanced construction funding. These projects are listed in the index in county and project number order. The index details by project the expected conversion year or years and the estimated conversion amount for each year of conversion for the advance construction funding. All projects with advance construction funding are listed in the Advance Construction Index including those projects that are located within and MPO area. This

step was taken in an effort to better illustrate fiscal constraint.

This submittal also includes narrative descriptions of the project selection process and procedures used by KDOT in developing the STIP and the program financing anticipated for the STIP.

Public involvement was met during the development of this STIP as required by CFR 450.210(a) and in accordance with KDOT's Public Involvement Procedures. (Draft copies of the STIP were provided to the five area transit providers, the five area MPO offices and the six district offices for comment. Additionally, the Draft STIP was advertised in the Kansas Register for a thirty day comment period.)

Our public involvement goal at KDOT as accomplished through our Bureau of Public Involvement is to involve the public throughout the project development process by building and sustaining relationships with citizens, business, legislators, and governmental entities. Also, city and county officials are required to provide documentation demonstrating that public involvement is sought during the development of their five-year plans. These five year plans are then submitted to KDOT for inclusion in the STIP.

Section 23 CFR 450.218 of the Statewide Planning Regulations described ten certifications that states must make when submitting their proposed State Transportation Improvement Pro-

gram to FHWA and FTA for approval. The Kansas Department of Transportation hereby certifies that the transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with the following requirements:

- 1) 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, 49 U.S.C. 5303 and 5304, and this part;
- 2) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21 ;
- 3) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
- 4) Section 101 (b) of the SAFETEA-LU (Pub. L. 109-59) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in US-DOT funded projects;
- 5) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- 6) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38;
- 7) In States containing nonattainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
- 8) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs

or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;

- 9) Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- 10) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

In addition to these certifications, Section 450.216 describes a number of requirements that the states shall ensure are met when submitting their STIP. The state of Kansas has also met the following requirements:

- 1) Public involvement was solicited during the development of the STIP as required by 450.210(a);
- 2) The metropolitan planning areas' TIPs are included by reference and have been approved by the Governor's designee;
- 3) Projects in this STIP are consistent with state and local policy and therefore are consistent with the recently adopted Long-Range Transportation Plan;
- 4) The STIP is financially constrained by year;
- 5) The STIP includes a list of priority projects to be carried out in the first four years;
- 6) The STIP contains all regionally significant transportation projects requiring action by FHWA and FTA.

Questions concerning this STIP may be forwarded to:

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Questions about KDOT's Public Involvement Policy may be forwarded to:

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KDOT's STIP may be viewed online at: www.ksdot.org/publications.asp. The information contained in the STIP is also available in alternative format; for more information concerning alternate formats contact KDOT's Bureau of Transportation Information, (785) 296-3585.