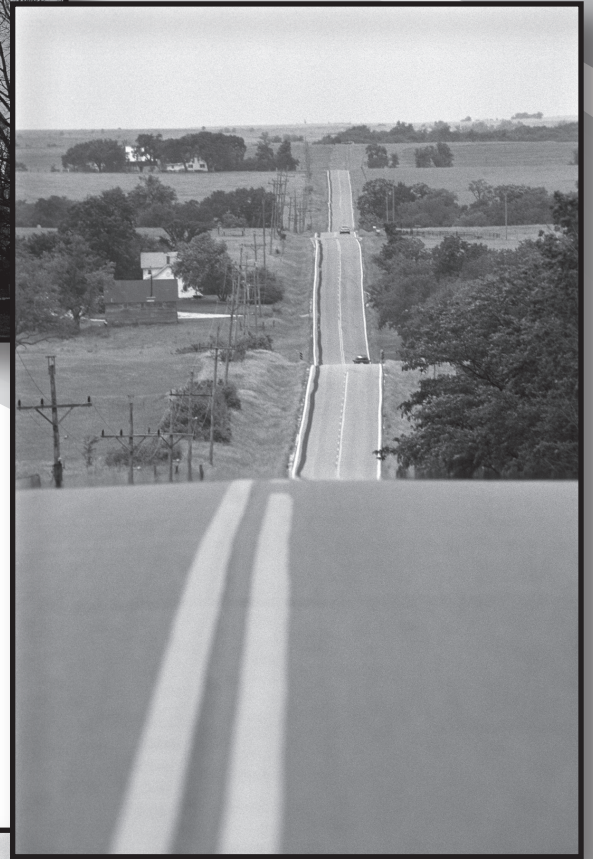


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In compliance with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirements as codified in Title 23, Chapter 1, Subchapter E, part 450; Title 40, parts 1500-1508 and Title 49, Subtitle B, Chapter VI, part 613 of the United States Code (USC), the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has developed the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for Kansas. Kansas elects to update the STIP annually providing information on the current federal fiscal year (FFY) plus three subsequent years. Based on this yearly preparation schedule, this STIP covers FFY 2021-2024 and the projects listed in Appendix A- the Project Index are anticipated to obligate in this four-year period in some phase.

The STIP is arranged into two general sections: the narrative and the appendixes. The narrative portion of the document is further divided into sections that briefly describe KDOT's program financing anticipated for the STIP including fiscal constraint, public involvement, performance measures and project selection processes, and a brief outline of Public Transit. Also included within the STIP narrative are brief descriptions of programs administered by agencies other than KDOT. These programs are the Federal Lands & Tribal Transportation Programs administered by the Office of

Federal Lands Highway (FLH) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA); the Recreational Trails Program administered by Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism (KDWP&T) and the Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) administered by each of the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) for the six urbanized areas of Kansas. Although these programs are not administered by KDOT, they are a part of the Federal Transportation Program and therefore, are required by federal code to be included in the STIP document prepared by Kansas. Completing the narrative section is a glossary of terms which follows the appendixes and a preface to the appendixes describing the information provided in each appendix and providing supplemental information helpful in reading the appendixes.

There are three appendixes A-C each providing specific project information. Appendix A is a project index of all KDOT administered projects anticipated to obligate in one or more work phases during the FFY 2021-2024 that were programmed at the time this document was prepared. Appendix B is a Summary Report by work phase and FFY of the total anticipated obligation for each FFY of the STIP- it summarizes Appendix A. Appendix C is an index of projects that are advanced constructed that provides each project's year(s) of

conversion (even year(s) beyond those covered in the STIP), the amount(s) of conversion planned for each year and a total project planned conversion amount. Additionally, a total planned conversion amount by year is provided summing all planned project conversions in the year.

There are two clarifications concerning the projects in the appendixes:

- 1) While federally funded local public authority (LPA) projects are included in the STIP, the number of LPAs using federal funding has decreased significantly with the implementation of the Federal Fund Exchange program. Through this program, most LPA projects are funded with local and state funds (that supplant the federal funds an LPA would normally receive) and are part of the Local Support program- a non-core KDOT program. The Local Support program and its associated projects is not included in the STIP, since these projects are not federally funded and are not administered by KDOT. The Federal Fund Exchange program is described in further detail in the Project Selection Criteria and Program Financing sections of the STIP narrative.
- 2) Generally, projects within MPOs are included in the STIP by reference only with one exception. MPO projects that are advance

constructed are included in the advance constructed listing in Appendix C. Adding the MPO advance construction projects to Appendix C was a necessary measure taken to provide a clearer illustration of fiscal constraint.

Public involvement was met during the development of this STIP as required by 23 CFR 450.210(a) and in accordance with KDOT's Public Involvement procedures for the STIP and amendments. Draft print copies of the STIP are mailed to the six area transit providers, the six area MPO offices and the six KDOT district offices for comment. The draft STIP is advertised in the Kansas Register with a 30-day comment period and displayed on KDOT's website during this period. Additionally, a news release is sent to news outlets in the state announcing the draft STIP comment period and describing how comments may be made. Likewise, amendments are advertised in the Kansas Register with a 14-day comment period and are displayed on KDOT's website during the comment period. A news release for each amendment is also sent to the news outlets outlining the comment period and how comments concerning the amendment may be made.

Our agency public involvement goal is accomplished jointly by our District Public Affairs Managers and the Division of Policy. KDOT involves the public throughout the project development process thereby building and sus-

taining relationships with citizens, business, legislators, and governmental entities. Additionally, city and county officials are required to have public involvement processes in place for their projects and must provide documentation demonstrating that public involvement was solicited when their projects are submitted to KDOT's Bureau of Local Projects for review.

Section 23 U.S.C. section 450.220 describes ten certifications that states must make when submitting their proposed State Transportation Improvement Program 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) Title 23, Chapter 1, Subchapter E, part 450; Title 40, parts 1500-1508 and Title 49, Subtitle B, Chapter VI, part 613 of the United States Code (USC);
- 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 1101 (b) of the FAST Act (Pub. L. 114-357) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT 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) 23 U.S.C. Section 324 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, 23 U.S.C. section 450.218 describes the requirements that the states shall ensure are met when submitting their STIP. The state of Kansas has met the following requirements:

- 1) The STIP covers a minimum of four years, is updated annually as elected by Kansas although the minimum preparation requirement is every four years, and is developed in coordination with transportation officials of LPAs

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- through the local consult processes in place established under 450.210(b);
- 2) Public involvement was solicited during the development of the STIP as required by 450.210(a);
 - 3) The metropolitan planning areas' TIPs are included by reference and have been approved by the Governor's designee;
 - 4) Projects in this STIP are consistent with state and local policy and therefore are consistent with the adopted Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP);
 - 5) Tribal Transportation Programs, the Federal Lands Transportation Program and Federal Access Program TIPs as applicable to the State of Kansas are included in the STIP after approval by FHWA as required by 23 U.S.C. 201(c)(4);
 - 6) The STIP is financially constrained by year;
 - 7) The STIP includes a list of all priority projects in the first four years including projects proposed to be carried out using funding under title 23 U.S.C. and title 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53;
 - 8) The STIP contains all regionally significant transportation projects requiring action by FHWA and FTA;
 - 9) The STIP project listings, Appendix A, contains sufficient descriptive material to identify the project, an estimated total project cost which may extend beyond the years of the STIP, the amount of Federal funds proposed to be obligated during each program year and the project sponsor(s);

- 10) The STIP includes discussion of the anticipated effect of the STIP toward achieving the performance targets identified by the State in a statewide transportation plan or other State performance-based plan(s) linking the investment priorities in the STIP to the performance targets.

Questions concerning this STIP may be forwarded to:

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The STIP information is also available in alternative format. To obtain an alternative format version of the STIP, contact the Office of Public Affairs, Eisenhower Building, 700 SW Harrison, 2nd Floor West, Topeka, KS, 66603-3754, or (785) 296-3585 (Voice)/Hearing Impaired - 711. For online viewing of the STIP document, visit KDOT's website at www.ksdot.org/publications.asp and from the options displayed select "State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)". This opens the main STIP page where links to pending, current and past STIP's are displayed.