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\$1.2 billion in projects will improve roads and bridges, create jobs

Hundreds of projects that will improve Kansas roads and bridges, as well as create short- and long-term jobs, have been scheduled by the Kansas Department of Transportation for the next two years.

The projects will preserve, modernize and expand roads on both state and local road systems. The work list includes 464 highway projects, 194 bridge/interchange projects and 1,603 miles of improvements.

“This continues the steady flow of work – and the construction jobs created by that work – under the 10-year T-WORKS transportation program passed during the 2010 legislative session,” said Transportation Secretary Mike King.

Secretary King is making the announcements today during visits to Liberal, Wichita and McPherson.

The estimated cost of the work, for which construction will be underway during the 2015 and 2016 fiscal years, is \$1.2 billion. About 65 percent of the projects are considered preservation work, which will protect the investment Kansans have already made in the state’s public road system.

“The construction work will create jobs for hundreds of workers, who will spend their paychecks in communities all over the state, spreading the benefits far beyond the construction industry,” said Secretary King.

“But the better news is the long-term job prospects these improvements will help make possible.”

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Work Type	# Highway Projects	# Bridges/ Interchanges	Miles of Work	Construction Cost Estimate
Heavy Preservation: This includes major road rehabilitation including substantial milling & overlays, as well as pavement replacement. Bridge replacements are also considered heavy preservation.	79	82	203	\$399 Million
Light Preservation: This includes seals and light overlays. Bridge repairs are considered light preservation as well.	195	76	1,244	\$242 Million
Modernization Projects: This includes projects that improve alignment, flatten hills, widen shoulders or improve intersections.	20	6	24	\$85 Million
Expansion Projects: This includes projects that add lanes or interchanges to a roadway.	37	29	68	\$397 Million
Local Construction: This includes projects for transportation improvements typically on the highway system within city limits.	133	1	64	\$76 Million
TOTALS	464	194	1,603	\$1.2 Billion

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