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**Governor outlines T-WORKS projects,  
additional investments to move forward with transportation funding**

Governor Laura Kelly joined Kansas Secretary of Transportation Julie Lorenz to announce the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) plans to invest \$160 million in revenue that is included in the Governor's FY 2020 budget for transportation.

The \$160 million comes from reducing the amount of money transferred out of the State Highway Fund. Since 2011, more than \$2 billion has been transferred out of the State Highway Fund, causing costly project delays, reduced highway preservation work, a decline in the health of our highway system and an inability to plan for future projects.

"With this \$160 million in revenue, we will strengthen our highway system, take steps towards completing T-WORKS, and provide resources to communities across the state," said Governor Laura Kelly. "These are important steps forward, but to be clear, we still have a long way to go in order to get our transportation system where it should be."

With the \$160 million in FY 2020, KDOT will:

- **Increase the highway preservation investment** from \$350 - \$400 million
- **Move forward with four delayed T-WORKS projects:**
  - US-54 in Seward County (Expansion project; let for construction Fall 2019)
  - US-169 in Anderson County (Modernization project; let for construction Fall 2019)
  - US-281 in Russell County (Modernization project; let for construction Spring 2020)
  - US-50 in Lyon County (Expansion Project; let for construction Spring 2020)
- **Reinstate the Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program**
- **Implement a new cost-share program** for state/local partnerships
- **Enhance its safety program**
- **Increase City Connecting Link maintenance payments**
- **Increase funding for modal programs** (e.g., transit, aviation, rail and bike/pedestrian)

These investments are aligned with recommendations from the Joint Legislative Transportation Vision Task Force that met last year.

"We look forward to working with communities and our partners across the state to deliver these investments," said Secretary Julie Lorenz. "We know that funding reductions have impacted the health of our system. I'm so pleased to work with Governor Kelly to take this important step forward to achieving the goals the task force laid out and improving our state's transportation system."



## FY 2020 Budget Enhancements Overview

KDOT retains \$160M in sales tax revenue in State Highway Fund. This sales tax revenue along with savings and cash balances will allow for the following enhancements in FY 2020:

*As important as these funds are, it's equally important to note the need for consistent, reliable funding so that additional planning and design can be conducted to address needs well beyond T-WORKS projects.*

Amount	Enhancement	Additional Information
\$50 M	<b>Increases highway preservation investment from \$350 to \$400 million.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preservation was the top priority of The Joint Legislative Transportation Vision Task Force.</li> <li>• Adds 200 miles of preservation work and heavier actions.</li> <li>• Does not fully address preservation needs, but it allows KDOT to meet critical needs and begin restoring our system's health. Recommended level is \$500 million in preservation and at least \$100 million in modernization/expansion work.</li> </ul>
\$80 M	Move forward with 4 delayed T-WORKS projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>US-54 in Seward County.</b> (Expansion project. Let Fall 2019)</li> <li>• <b>US-169 in Anderson County</b> (Modernization project. Let Fall 2019)</li> <li>• <b>US-281 in Russell County</b> (Modernization project. Let Spring 2020)</li> <li>• <b>US-50 in Lyon County</b> (Expansion Project. Let Spring 2020)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task Force recommended completing delayed T-WORKS projects.</li> <li>• These four projects can be let to construction quickly.</li> <li>• Projects address capacity, safety and preservation needs.</li> <li>• 17 more T-WORKS projects remain to be let.</li> <li>• Note: The previously announced US-69 projects in Crawford County are already included in the FY2020 budget and will continue to move forward.</li> </ul>
\$5 M	<b>Reinstate the Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task Force recommended reinstating the program.</li> <li>• Popular program with communities.</li> <li>• About 20,000 bridges on the local system.</li> </ul>
\$10-15 M	<b>Implement a new Cost-Share Program for State/Local Partnerships.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task Force recognized that local transportation needs exceed available resources.</li> <li>• New program will use state and local partnerships to address key needs.</li> <li>• Projects to improve local infrastructure will likely be included.</li> </ul>
\$5-10 M	<b>Enhanced Safety Program.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task Force recognized the importance of improving safety.</li> <li>• Expands current safety program to address larger projects such as passing lanes, turning lanes and intersection improvements.</li> <li>• Allows KDOT to enhance safety in strategic, cost effective ways.</li> </ul>
\$2 M	<b>City Connecting Link Maintenance Payments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task Force recommended reviewing the amount paid to cities.</li> <li>• Will increase payments in FY 2020 from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per lane mile.</li> <li>• Program has not seen an increase since 1999.</li> </ul>
\$2 M	<b>Increase funding for transit, aviation, rail and bike/pedestrian programs.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task force recommended increasing funding for modes.</li> <li>• KDOT will evaluate where funding is most needed and make strategic investments.</li> </ul>
<b>\$160 M TOTAL in ENHANCEMENTS for FY 2020</b>		

# Moving Kansas Forward Action Plan



## Long Range Plan: Identify Needs & Projected Funding to Determine the Gap

### KDOT:

- Meet with communities to hear their needs and concerns – not all testified at task force meetings.
- Work with stakeholders to update project selection formulas and refine programs (e.g., cost share).
- Think about what the 21<sup>st</sup> century transportation system looks like, how it functions, consider modes.

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## Move Task Force Recommendations Forward Using Governor's Budget

### KDOT:

- Increase preservation work.
- Advance 4 T-WORKS mod. & expansion projects.
- Address local programs suggested by Task Force (local bridge, cost share).
- Increase investment in modes.

### LEGISLATURE:

- Explore funding mechanisms like electric vehicles, weight permits, property tax lid exemption.
- Considers alternative delivery, less restrictions on tolling legislation.

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## Collaborate to Prioritize Needs & Craft Program

### KDOT:

- Conduct local consult to prioritize projects REGIONALLY.

### KDOT/LEGISLATORS/STAKEHOLDERS:

- Form a new working group to review funding gap and recommend how much the state can afford in a new funding program.
- Craft the program:
  - Identify policies/projects/price tag
  - Identify revenue sources

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## New Program Should Achieve the Following:

- Strong support across Kansas.
- A right-sized approach to addressing transportation needs.
- Policies and strategies that position Kansas well in the future.