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KDOT awards \$8.6 million in Transportation Alternatives projects

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has awarded \$8.6 million for the 18 projects selected for inclusion in its Transportation Alternatives (TA) program for Federal Fiscal Year 2021.

“Kansans value safety in all modes of transportation, which is why it is an important element of the new FORWARD transportation program,” said Transportation Secretary Julie Lorenz. “I’m pleased that these projects focus on improving safety for pedestrians and children walking to school.”

KDOT received 32 applications from eligible project sponsors requesting over \$22 million in federal funds. The applications for Federal Fiscal Year 2021 projects were received during an open application period from September through October 2019. The next call for projects is expected to be released this summer.

“The high quality of applications for projects this year made the process especially competitive” said Jenny Kramer, KDOT State Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator. “Projects tied to local long-term transportation and/or bicycle and pedestrian master plans were especially strong because they demonstrated a commitment over time to promote transportation choices and make their communities bicycle and pedestrian friendly.”

KDOT evaluated each application and made selections based on criteria developed using input from various departments and external partners such as safety and network improvements, cost estimates, project readiness, public support and other factors. The total estimated costs for the 18 selected projects are over \$13 million. Each project sponsor must commit to providing at least 20% of the cost of the project as a local cash match.

A full list of TA projects that are selected to receive an award is shown in the table below:

Project Sponsor	Project Title	TA Award
City of Ashland	Downtown Pedestrian Access Improvement Project	\$783,793
City of Atchison	Main Street Corridor Shared Use Paths and Trail Connectors	\$500,000
City of Baldwin City	West Baldwin Pedestrian and Bicycle Connectivity Project	\$1,012,960
City of Beloit	Safe Routes to School Pedestrian Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Project	\$400,000
City of Cimarron	Main Street Streetscape and Pedestrian Access Improvement Project	\$607,008
City of Coffeyville	Safe Routes to School and Rail to Trail Sidewalk and Shared Use Path Project	\$913,420
City of Columbus	Safe Routes to School Planning Project for USD 493	\$12,000
City of Ellsworth	Neighborhood Shared Use Path Connector Parallel to K-14	\$449,600
City of Halstead	Safe Routes to School Planning Project	\$12,000
City of Junction City	7th Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Connector and Safety Improvement Project	\$249,949
City of Lawrence	Safe Routes to School Sidewalk and Safe Crossings Project	\$400,000
City of Lawrence	Lawrence Loop Shared Use Path Extension and Connector from Peterson Rd and N. Iowa to Michigan Street	\$1,070,000
City of Lebo	Downtown Streetscape and Pedestrian Access and Safety Improvements	\$950,480
City of Manhattan	Safe Routes to School Sidewalk and Safe Crossings Improvement Project Targeting 3 Elementary Schools	\$238,444
City of McPherson	Shared Use Path Along Northview Avenue Connecting Meadowlark Trailhead and Main Street	\$510,400
City of Pleasanton	Community-Wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Trails Improvement Project	\$307,020
City of Topeka	10 th Street Shared Use Path and bridge from Robinson to Wanamaker	\$245,800
	18 Projects	\$8,662,874

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