MOVING PEOPLE, FREIGHT & TECHNOLOGY

**MOVING PEOPLE**

**The Region by the Numbers**

- Population - Current: 2,05,171 (7% of Kansas)
- Median Age - Current: 43
- Percent of Population 65+ in 2044: 21% (compared to 23% statewide)

**Connecting to Health & Safety**

- 19 hospitals in the region. 14 are critical access hospitals. 91% of north central Kansas are buckling up compared to 92% statewide.

**Connecting to Education**

- 162 K-12 Schools in the region: 35% K-12 students transported by bus
- 2 Community Colleges in the region: 2 technical colleges in the region: 2,334 technical college students

**Connecting to Employment**

- 72% of workers are working in their county of residence (compared to 76% statewide)
- 18 minutes mean travel time to work (compared to 19 minutes statewide)
- 80% of workers driving alone to work (compared to 82% statewide)
- 2.5% unemployment rate in September 2019 (compared to 3.2% statewide)

**Moving Freight in Kansas**

- Types of Freight Being Transported:
  - Farm products, such as corn, soybeans, wheat and cattle
  - Consumer goods (non-food)
  - Shipping Containers
  - Petroleum/Coal
  - Transportation Energy Components
  - Manufactured Products
  - Concrete/Stone

**Moving Technology**

- 91% of north central Kansans are buckling up compared to 19 hospitals in the region. 14 are critical access hospitals. 91% of north central Kansas are buckling up compared to 92% statewide. 4,804 vehicle crashes (annual average from 2014-2018); 8% of the statewide average.

**Transport**

- While all 16 counties have some type of transit service, not all counties are covered by all-encompassing general public transportation that can serve the needs of all demographics. This was noted as a high priority in our recently completed Regional Coordinated Plans.

**Roads & Bridges**

- 1,696 state highway system miles (16% of the statewide miles)
- 5.8% daily vehicle miles of travel (11% of statewide); 23% of the miles are trucks
- 1.37% 2-lane miles (16% of statewide) 319 4+ lane miles (17% of statewide)
- 20 miles of Kansas Turnpike Authority roads (8% of the KTA system)
- 4% of roadways don’t have shoulders as wide as KDOT would like (compared to 10% statewide)
- Average pavement smoothness rating gradually declining over the last 3 years.
- 20,394 local (non-state) road miles (15% of local road miles statewide)
- 832 state bridges - 27% in fair/poor condition (compared to 22% statewide)
- 3,839 local bridges - 47% in fair/poor condition (compared to 53% statewide)

**Transit**

- What should KDOT consider about moving workers, the elderly and disabled, and students in the next 10 years? 25 years?

**Aviation**

- In north central Kansas, 2 airports have runways considered long enough to attract new jobs/businesses, below the statewide average of 7 per region.
- There are 2 airports capable of immediate all-weather access to health care in north central Kansas, below the statewide average of 7 per region.
- About 53% of airport construction needs are currently funded in this region, above the statewide average of 20% of funded needs.

**Bike/Pedestrian**

- 13 of the 16 counties in this district have received funding through the Transportation Alternative program, which includes funding for bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

**Roads & Bridges**

- $193M
- $42M
- $8M
- $6M
- $13M
- $919M
- $592M
- $22M
- $64M
- $21%
- $4%
- $11%
- $1%
- $11%
- $53% of airport construction needs are currently funded in this region, above the statewide average of 20% of funded needs.

**Additional Investments are made that KDOT categorizes as statewide and are not reflected in an individual district’s totals.

**Includes federal and state dollars.

**Public Transit funding is allocated by regional transit districts. These dollars reflect investments in the Flint Hills and North Central transit regions.**