Public Transit funding is allocated by **includes federal and state dollars. Additional investments are made that KDOT**

- **NORTHWEST KANSAS INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS**

  - **MOVING PEOPLE, FREIGHT & TECHNOLOGY**
    - **MOVING PEOPLE**
      - THE REGION BY THE NUMBERS
      - Population - Current: 94,881 (3% of Kansas)
      - Population - Projected in 2044: 82,728 (2% of Kansas)
      - Median Age - Current: 45
      - Percent of Population 65+ in 2044: 25% (compared to 23% statewide)
    - **CONNECTING TO HEALTH & SAFETY**
      - 17 hospitals in the region. 16 are critical access hospitals.
      - 85% of northwest Kansans are buckling up compared to 92% statewide.
      - 2,410 vehicle crashes (annual average from 2014-2018): 4% of the statewide average.
      - 23 fatalities (annual average from 2014-2018): 6% of the statewide average.
      - 383 injuries (annual average from 2014-2018): 3% of the statewide average.
    - **CONNECTING TO EDUCATION**
      - 93 K-12 Schools in the region
      - 26% K-12 students transported by bus
      - 1 community college in the region
      - 2,383 community college students
      - 1 technical college in the region
      - 1,046 technical college students
      - 1 university in the region
      - 17,976 university students
    - **MOVING FREIGHT IN KANSAS**
      - Types of Freight Being Transported:
        - Farm products, such as corn, soybeans, wheat and cattle
        - Consumer goods (non-food)
        - Shipping Containers
        - Petrochemicals
        - Coal
        - LPG
        - Oil/Natural Gas
        - Other Hazardous Materials
        - Wind Energy Components
        - Manufactured Products
        - Construction Equipment
        - Metal and Plastics
    - **CONNECTING TO EMPLOYMENT**
      - 82% of workers are working in their county of residence (compared to 76% statewide)
      - 14 minutes mean travel time to work (compared to 19 minutes statewide)
      - 78% of workers driving alone to work (compared to 82% statewide)
      - 2.2% unemployment rate in August 2019 (compared to 3.2% statewide)
    - **MOVING TECHNOLOGY**
      - According to the Federal Communications Commission, an average of 74% of the population in this region is covered by broadband (91.1% statewide) and an average of about 100% is covered by cell service (100% statewide). However, residents, businesses and local government officials report ongoing concerns about accessibility as well as affordability of these services.
      - EV Charger Facilities
        - 6 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.
    - **TRANSIT**
      - While all 18 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 residents.
      - Insufficient geographic coverage was noted as a high priority in the recently completed Regional Coordinated Transit Plans.
      - Transit stakeholders project continued growth in demand for transit trips in the region. More efficient, effective and innovative service provision along with regional coordination will be necessary to keep up with the growing demand for local and regional transit needs.
      - About 4% of households in this region and 5% of households in Kansas do not have access to a vehicle.
      - About 27% of households in this region and 30% of households in Kansas have access to only 1 vehicle.
      - Limited medical, social and recreational services in the northern portion of this district illustrate a need for transportation connections to those desired destinations, typically along the I-70 corridor.
    - **AVIATION**
      - In northwest Kansas, 9 airports have runways considered long enough to attract new jobs/businesses, above the statewide average of 10.
      - About 46% of airport construction needs are currently funded in this region, above the statewide average of 20% of funded needs.
      - There are 9 airports capable of immediate all-weather access to health care in southeast Kansas, above the statewide average of 7 per region.
      - There should be 12 airports in the 18 counties in this district. What should KDOT know about aviation needs to move freight and people in the next 10 years? 25 years?
      - There’s growing interest in bicycle and pedestrian projects across Kansas. What should KDOT know about needs in northwest Kansas in the next 10 years? 25 years?
    - **BIKE/PEDESTRIAN**
      - 12 of the 18 counties in this district have received funding through the Transportation Alternative program, which includes funding for bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
      - There’s growing interest in bicycle and pedestrian projects across Kansas. What should KDOT know about needs in northwest Kansas in the next 10 years? 25 years?