

Kansas Department of Transportation news release

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KDOT Awards \$8.5 Million in Transportation Alternatives Projects

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has selected 23 projects for inclusion in its Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2020.

Eligible projects under this federal program include facilities for pedestrians and bicycles; scenic or historical highway programs; landscaping and scenic beautification; historic preservation of transportation facilities; conversion of abandoned railway corridors to trails; control or removal of outdoor advertising; archaeological planning and research related to transportation; and the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program.

KDOT received 46 applications from eligible project sponsors requesting nearly \$36.9 million in federal funds. Cities and counties across the state submitted applications for the TA Program, which were received during an open application period from June 14, 2018 to September 10, 2018.

“We were happy to see so many quality applications from across the state this year. This proves how popular the TA Program is and how important these types of projects are to Kansas communities,” said Matt Messina, coordinator of the Transportation Alternatives Program for KDOT. “All 46 projects that applied were eligible to receive an award, which didn’t make it easy to select which ones would receive federal funds. But, the 23 projects that were selected will be great enhancements to their community’s transportation system. Some main goals of the TA Program are to help provide communities with more transportation options and to preserve or improve what they already have and that’s what these projects will do,” said Messina.

KDOT reviews and evaluates every application and makes selections based on criteria developed using input from various internal departments and external partners, such as safety and network improvements, cost estimates, project readiness, public support, and other factors such as geography and funding distribution. All project sponsors are required to provide at least 20% of the cost as a local cash match and are 100% responsible for non-participating items.

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

Applicant	Project	TA Funds Awarded
Marysville	Broadway Street and Railbed	\$ 91,626
Baldwin City	Ped-Bike Connectivity Project	\$ 580,180
Eudora	Bluejacket Trail: Phase 2	\$ 283,824
Lawrence	Lawrence Loop	\$ 480,000
Osage City	Flint Hills Trail (thru the city)	\$ 1,000,000
TMTA	Bikeshare Expansion	\$ 49,522
Council Grove	Riverwalk trail north Extension	\$ 421,029
Salina	Smoky Hill River Renewal	\$ 167,514
Ellsworth	Stormwater Management	\$ 517,960
Beloit	SRTS Phase 2 c	\$ 372,312
Council Grove	SRTS Phase 1	\$ 12,000
Strong City	Strong City SRTS	\$ 12,000
Russell	US-281 Hwy Sidewalk	\$ 248,000
Girard	Western Ave. Pedestrian Facility	\$ 208,765
Ottawa	K-68/Main Street Multimodal	\$ 351,450
Pittsburg	Memorial Drive Trail Project	\$ 88,000
Pleasanton	Pedestrian Trails Plan	\$ 320,720
Arkansas City	Hike-bike trail extension	\$ 840,091
Minneola	Accessible Walkways	\$ 275,989
Scott City	Santa Fe Street Rail Trail	\$ 315,000
Garden City	8th Street Cultural District	\$ 750,000
Ulysses	City of Ulysses SRTS Phase 1	\$ 12,000
KDWPT	FHT: 17 th St to Lewelling Rd	\$ 1,080,762
	23 projects	\$ 8,478,744