

February 6, 2009

Dear Kansas General Public Transportation Providers,

In preparation for potential general public transportation funding in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (also known as the federal economic stimulus package), the Kansas Department of Transportation is soliciting requests for capital funding from participants of KDOT's 5311 funding program (General Public Transportation in Nonurbanized Areas). Although we don't know exactly how much funding will be made available for general public transportation through the bill or what restrictions there will be on funds, it is anticipated that the legislation will be enacted before the end of February. Stimulus funding would only be available for capital projects that can be started within 180 days. KDOT will not have additional operating funds to assist with the functioning of these projects.

If your agency has ready-to-go capital needs, please submit the following information by 5:00 on February 13, 2009 to Lisa Koch at lisak@ksdot.org or 700 SW Harrison, Topeka, KS 66603:

- A narrative describing the capital project being requested.
- A budget describing capital costs being requested.
- A timeline for implementation of the project.
- A statement describing local funding for operations of the project.

Project selection will be based on the following priorities:

- Projects that can be implemented quickly (within 180 days)
- Projects that increase/improve services in un- or under-served areas of Kansas.
- Projects that implement regional coordination efforts, especially those identified in Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plans.

I want to assure you that KDOT is working hard to make sure Kansas receives and uses all transportation funds that might be available to our state. KDOT will continue to send updates as we learn more about the recovery bill and encourage you to go to www.KTOC.net where we're hosting an on-going discussion about the recovery bill.

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I apologize for the short time frame on this request. Please let me know if you need any further information. You can contact me at 785-296-4907.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Koch", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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