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## **77 local projects selected for stimulus funding**

Seventy-seven projects totaling \$34.7 million have been selected to receive federal stimulus funding for road and bridge improvements throughout Kansas.

The state received \$348 million for highway and bridge projects through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, with \$38 million directed to the Kansas City and Wichita metro areas by federal formula. KDOT then sought applications from local units of government to share more than \$34 million for city and county projects.

“With many worthy projects submitted for consideration, the final selection was very difficult,” said KDOT Deputy Secretary Jerry Younger. “But I am confident that the projects selected will enhance local transportation networks and give a boost to the economies in each of the project locations.”

The number of requests for local funding far exceeded the available funds. KDOT received 422 requests for projects totaling \$275 million.

Engineers from each of KDOT’s six districts evaluated and selected the local projects following specified criteria, such as job creation, whether the project was in an economically distressed area and whether it could be completed within three years. Each district used its own weighting of the criteria to reflect the needs of the regional highway

system. Many of the projects will include a local funding component, which allowed the \$34.7 million to be stretched even further.

Projects in the Kansas City and Wichita areas already have been or will be selected by their metropolitan planning organizations.

The following is the funding breakdown by district:

- **Northeast** – 19 projects, \$11.3 million
- **North central** – 12 projects, \$4.3 million
- **Northwest** – six projects, \$2.4 million
- **Southeast** – 13 projects, \$4.5 million
- **South central** – 18 projects, \$8.5 million
- **Southwest** – nine projects, \$3.6 million.

To view the full list of selected projects and specific funding, visit KDOT's ARRA Web page at <http://www.ksdot.org/EconomicStimulus.asp> and go to "Information for Local Governments."

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