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Access projects selected for KDOT funding

The Kansas Department of Transportation has selected seven construction projects for funding through the Access Management Program. These projects are scheduled for state fiscal year 2014, with a total estimated cost of \$4.5 million.

KDOT's Access Management Program involves partnership with local governments to develop transportation plans along highways experiencing growth and development. These plans help agencies understand the extent of future development along a highway corridor and what transportation improvements are necessary to accommodate traffic growth. In general, these plans outline a coordinated strategy to create a transportation environment that is safe, efficient and supportive of long-term economic activity.

The KDOT Access Management Program also provides a percentage of funding necessary to construct improvements identified in these plans.

Typical construction projects are intersection improvements, frontage roads and installation of traffic signals.

KDOT has completed 19 Corridor Management Plans in partnership with more than 40 cities, counties and Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

The seven selected projects are listed below.

U.S. 24 Pottawatomie County Corridor Management Plan

Manhattan – Construction of westbound double left turn lanes at U.S. 24/Tuttle Creek Boulevard and McCall Road. **Pottawatomie County** –Intersection Improvements at U.S. 24 and Flush Road lengthening the existing eastbound left turn lane on U.S. 24 and constructing an acceleration lane on westbound U.S. 24 for vehicles southbound on Flush Road making a right turn.

U.S. 24 Leavenworth County Corridor Management Plan

Basehor – Turn lane improvements on 155th Street between U.S. 24 and Wolf Creek Parkway. **Basehor** – Turn lane improvements on 158th Street between U.S. 24 and Wolf Creek Parkway.

U.S. 56 Corridor Management Plan

Baldwin City – Intersection reconfiguration at U.S. 56 and High Street including the realignment of High Street to intersect U.S. 56 at 90 degrees. The project also includes the construction of left turn lanes on U.S. 56.

K-68 Corridor Management Plan

Louisburg – Intersection improvements at K-68 and Metcalf including construction of turn lanes and installation of traffic signal.

U.S. 69 Corridor Management Plan

Fort Scott – Widen U.S. 69 to have a center turn lane between 23rd street and National Avenue.

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