Cities to receive funding for road improvement projects

Forty-six projects that will improve intersections and road deficiencies in Kansas cities have been selected for funding through two Kansas Department of Transportation programs.

Seventeen cities will receive a combined total of approximately $9 million in state funding under the Geometric Improvement (GI) program. And, 29 cities will receive a combined total of about $5.4 million under the City Connecting Links (KLINK) program, which funds improvements to state highways that extend through cities.

Under the GI program, a city contributes up to 25 percent of the project cost based on its population. Cities under 2,500 in population aren’t required to provide a match. GI projects typically improve drainage, capacity and intersections, add turning lanes and more.

KLINK projects involve maintenance work such as resurfacing and are funded up to $200,000.

“These programs are very popular with Kansas cities, and every year we receive many more requests for projects than we can fund,” said Kansas Transportation Secretary Mike King.

“As a result, funding for the GI program next year will be increased by $2 million, for a total annual commitment of $8 million. And, to catch up with inflation, the maximum
state contribution per project under the KLINK program next year will go up 50 percent to $300,000."

The maximum state contribution for a GI project will be increased to $1 million.

Cities selected for the GI program and the maximum state contribution include:
Seneca, $400,000; Silver Lake, $125,000; Clifton, $700,000; Grandview Plaza, $650,000; Russell, $650,000; Hoxie, $700,000; Sharon Springs, $50,000; Baxter Springs, $650,000; Ottawa, $400,000; Hutchinson, $65,000; Wellington, $725,000; Dodge City, $600,000; Elkhart, $500,000; Leavenworth, $750,000; Osborne, $700,000; Brownell, $700,000; Independence, $650,000.

Cities selected for the KLINK program and the amounts awarded include:
Emporia, $200,000; Alma, $180,106; Oskaloosa, $144,407; Atchison, $200,000; Lawrence, $200,000; Concordia, $200,000; McPherson, $151,148; Clay Center, $200,000; Junction City, $200,000; Moundridge, $200,000; Abilene, $200,000. Coffeyville, $149,999; Pittsburg, $167,592; Independence, $185,184; Parsons, $200,000; Hoisington, $146,081; Lyons, $200,000; Larned, $200,000; Pratt, $160,800; Great Bend, $169,418; Hutchinson, $170,277; Sterling, $200,000; Wichita, $200,000; Winfield, $200,000; Caldwell, $200,000; Wellington, $200,000; El Dorado, $200,000; Garden City, $173,931; Ness City, $200,000.

Visit the KDOT website for more information about the GI selections and the KLINK selections.

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