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Governor Kelly Announces More Than \$40M for 33 Bridge Projects Across Kansas

WESTMORELAND – Governor Laura Kelly and Kansas Transportation Secretary Julie Lorenz today announced that \$40.5 million will support 33 local and off-system bridge projects across the state. This announcement comes as part of two local bridge improvement programs reshaped to take advantage of new revenue streams generated by the federally approved Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

“My administration is committed to improving Kansas’ transportation system, including city- and county-owned bridges in need of overdue repairs,” **Governor Laura Kelly said.** “These bridge programs demonstrate how, by fostering partnerships among all levels of government, we can build a robust, responsive infrastructure system that provides efficient and safe transportation routes and boosts state and local economies.”

The amount awarded by the Kansas Department of Transportation to cities and counties more than doubles and triples local bridge improvement funds available in these programs as part of the existing Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE).

The announcement took place at the Pottawatomie County Law Enforcement Center in Westmoreland, just a few miles from one of the selected bridges.

The KDOT bridge improvement programs include approximately \$137.5 million in BIL funds over the next five years.

The **Off-System Bridge Program (OSB)** has been expanded from \$8 million in annual funding to \$20.5 million. Twenty-two projects – with awarded funds ranging from \$460,000 to \$1.4 million – were selected for Federal Fiscal Year 2024. In total for this round, KDOT received 99 OSB applications requesting \$83.8 million.

The **Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program (KLBIP)** has increased from \$5 million annually to \$20 million. For State Fiscal Year 2023, the 11 selected KLBIP projects will replace 10 deficient bridges and permanently remove seven deficient bridges from the local system. For this round of KLBIP selections, 114 applications were received with requests totaling more than \$126 million.

“These local bridges are the lifeblood of many communities,” **Secretary Lorenz said.** “Most ag loads start in a field, are placed in a truck, and have to cross a county bridge to get to a state highway or rail line. Congratulations to these Kansas communities for partnering with KDOT and securing local matching funds that keep critical bridges open to the public and moving commerce.”

Both the OSB and KLBIP have similar-yet-different bridge eligibility requirements targeted for city and county bridges not on the state highway system and in need of replacement or repair. Funds for both programs are awarded through an application process and, in most cases, require a local contribution. KDOT uses selection criteria that include bridge condition, detour length, inability to carry legal loads, and past project history.

There are approximately 19,300 bridges on Kansas’ local road systems. About 26% – or 5,000 – of those bridges are in poor condition or unable to meet today’s weight and vehicle requirements.

Click [here](#) to view a map of the projects. The list of recipients and project locations for OSB and KLBIP are below.

Kansas - 2024 Off-System Bridge (OSB) Program Projects				
County	Bridge Location	Local Cost	Local Cost %	Total Funds Awarded (covering 100% of construction and CE)

Brown County	1 mile south of Fairview - carrying 220th west of U.S. 75	\$49,141	7.9%	\$570,000
Pottawatomie County	Armstrong Road over Vermillion Creek - 2 miles north, 1 mile east of Havensville	\$147,423	11.3%	\$1,160,000
Wabaunsee County	Fairfield Road over Hendricks Creek - 1 mile north, .2 mile east of Alma	\$89,546	8.8%	\$930,000
Chase County	Main Street over Cottonwood River - .8 mile west of Cedar Point	\$125,583	6.7%	\$1,740,000
Geary County	Old Milford Road - 3 miles north, 1 mile west of Junction City	\$94,460	9.0%	\$950,000
Jewell County	1.3 miles south, 6 miles west of Mankato	\$185,863	16.4%	\$950,000
Ottawa County	Laramie Road - west of Minneapolis	\$87,362	4.7%	\$1,790,000
Ellis County	370th Avenue over Big Creek - 6 miles south, and 1 mile west of Walker	\$50,233	4.0%	\$1,210,000
Osborne County	S 180th Avenue - 1 mile south, .7 mile west of Covert	\$49,141	6.6%	\$700,000
Phillips County	Kiowa Road - 6.5 miles north, .5 mile west of Agra	\$50,233	6.1%	\$770,000
Rawlins County	0.8 mile south, 2.2 miles west of Blakeman	\$44,773	8.2%	\$500,000

Rooks County	2.2 miles south, 2.5 miles east of Plainville	\$44,773	8.1%	\$510,000
Smith County	2.7 miles south, 7 miles east of Smith Center	\$50,779	4.7%	\$1,040,000
Chautauqua County	0.6 mile south, 2 miles east of Cedarvale	\$60,061	9.1%	\$600,000
Labette County	25000 Road, 4 miles east of Parsons	\$103,742	9.8%	\$960,000
Montgomery County	1800 Road, 1.5 miles east of Coffeyville	\$70,982	4.5%	\$1,490,000
Butler County	SW Prairie Creek Road over Eight Mile Creek - 1 mile east, 1.3 miles north of Rose Hill	\$147,423	24.3%	\$460,000
Kingman County	SE 100 Street - 3.2 miles north, .2 mile west of Rago over Rose Bud Creek	\$27,301	4.7%	\$550,000
Pawnee County	40th Avenue - 7 miles east, 4.5 miles north of Larned	\$60,061	5.7%	\$990,000
Reno County	Victory Road over Little Arkansas River - .5 mile east, 2 miles south of Buhler	\$62,245	7.1%	\$820,000
Stafford County	NE 130th Avenue - 7.1 miles north, 13.5 miles east of St. John	\$65,521	5.2%	\$1,200,000
Ness County	2 miles north, 4 miles east of Beeler	\$87,362	12.5%	\$610,000
	Totals	\$1,754,008	7.9%	\$20,500,000

2023 Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program Projects						
Local Government Agency	Location	Local Cost	Local % Match Requirement	Maximum KDOT Match Funds	Funds for Bridge Removal	Maximum Funds Awarded
Atchison County	314th Road over Deer Creek - 3.5 miles north of Atchison	\$127,313	15%	\$930,000	\$90,000	\$1,020,000
Cloud County	190th Road over Republican River - 1.7 miles north, 4.4 miles east of Concordia	\$554,271	10%	\$4,173,000	\$97,000	\$4,270,000
Saline County	McReynolds Road - 1 mile south, 1.5 miles east of Smolan	\$92,071	15%	\$350,000	\$50,000	\$400,000
Cheyenne County	10 miles north, 3.5 miles west of St. Francis	\$ -	0%	\$500,000	\$50,000	\$550,000

Gove County	3.4 miles north, 2.6 miles east of Quinter	\$22,933	0%	\$450,000	\$ -	\$450,000
Greenwood County	1.6 miles west of Hamilton	\$ -	5%	\$1,095,000	\$215,000	\$1,310,000
Neosho County	2 miles north of Chanute	\$2,237,968	15%	\$5,400,000	\$ -	\$5,400,000
Barber County	Kingfisher Road - 3.1 miles north, 4.5 miles west of Hardtner	\$49,141	0%	\$700,000	\$ -	\$700,000
Barton County	East Barton County Road - 2.9 miles east of Great Bend	\$209,369	15%	\$1,000,000	\$ -	\$1,000,000
Edwards County	Q Road and 280th Avenue - 6.2 miles south, 1 mile east of Belpre	\$28,393	0%	\$450,000	\$ -	\$450,000
Hamilton County	Road B - 1 mile south of Coolidge	\$283,926	0%	\$5,450,000	\$ -	\$5,450,000
		\$3,605,385			\$502,000	\$21,000,000

Photos from today's announcement for media use can be found below:

- [Photo 1](#)
- [Photo 2](#)
- [Photo 3](#)

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