

EL DORADO

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TO: City Commission
FROM: David Dillner, City Manager
SUBJ: Weekly Report
DATE: December 17, 2021

Items of Note:

- I am going to request formal action by the City Commission regarding the Lake Recreation Master Plan following the discussion during Wednesday's work session. The motion is drafted such that an affirmative (yes) vote will end the project. The City will not execute the agreement with PEC to begin Phase I of the plan development.
- The City Commission will have its second orientation session following the brief regular meeting scheduled for Monday, December 20. The City Commission will also discuss amending the tall weeds and grass ordinance at the request of Peter and Judie Storandt. The couple received a citation for violating the tall weeds and grass ordinance earlier this year. In their opinion, they were growing a native grass yard in their rear yard, and requested the City amend its ordinance to allow this type of growth. A proposed ordinance has not yet been prepared, and staff will inquire as to whether the City Commission wants to entertain such an amendment before proceeding with a draft for the governing body's review and consideration.
- Linda Jolly will be retiring as executive director to El Dorado Inc. at the end of this year. El Dorado Inc. will host a retirement party on January 6 beginning at 6:30 pm. Please let me know if you wish to attend as soon as possible, so we can RSVP for the City. Linda plans to serve as a consultant to El Dorado Inc. following her retirement. Sarah Hoefgen will then begin her tenure as executive director.
- KDOT announced the addition of twenty-five highway expansion and modernization projects estimated at \$750 million into KDOT's IKE Development pipeline. Input from more than 2,500 Kansans helped shape the project selections. KDOT will soon begin the planning phase on these projects that improve safety, expand economic development opportunities, and strengthen Kansas communities. Input from this year's Local Consult meetings and survey helped shape the selections.
- The KDOT IKE Development Program includes three programmed projects for Butler County: 1) Bridge repair located less than a mile north of the north junction of US54/77 to start in April 2022 with expected completion in December 2022; 2) Bridge repair located six miles east of west junction of US-77/54 to start in September 2022 with expected completion in December 2022; and 3) Mill, overlay, and rumble strips on centerline beginning at east city limits of El Dorado to Butler/Greenwood County line on US-54 and US-77 beginning at 130th Street to 110th Street to start April 2022 with completion expected by December 2022.

- Butler County did not receive any new projects in the development program, although many of the projects planned for South Central Kansas will improve the flow of traffic through the region and make it safer for travelers. Continued investment in the North Junction in Wichita is one such example. KDOT announced a \$166 million investment to reconstruct an interchange and expand Kellogg Avenue to a six-lane freeway to address congestion at the North Junction that has shifted to this area. The project improves both the interchange and the US-54 corridor, which allows corridor planning further east in Butler County. I included a summary of the announced projects for South Central Kansas with this memorandum for the City Commission's information.
- A coalition led by Wichita State University was selected as one of sixty finalists for the U.S. Economic Development Administration's \$1 billion "Build Back Better Regional Challenge." The project submitted by the coalition aims to empower the adoption of productivity-enhancing technologies to promote manufacturing competitiveness and profitability in the Wichita region. If provided an implementation grant, the coalition proposes to expand semiconductor testing, evaluate semiconductor manufacturing, grow resiliency of smart manufacturing, employ an additive manufacturing strategy, expand the workforce, and establish a cyber-manufacturing convening with the goal of creating job growth. El Dorado Inc. was involved in some of the discussions in preparing the grant submittal, so El Dorado may benefit from Wichita's receipt of this grant.
- The Butler County Commission plans to change its Commission District boundaries pertaining to the City of El Dorado. The change will affect the Butler County Commission seats that represent El Dorado citizens. District 4 (currently represented by Commissioner Wheeler) will fall on the east of the following boundary: N. Topeka Street to W. 6th Avenue to N. Haverhill Road to W. Central Avenue to S. High Street. District 3 (currently represented by Commissioner Herzet) will fall on the west side of the aforementioned boundary. A district map showing these proposed changes was sent to the City Commission with this memorandum. The County Commission is expected to adopt the new boundaries at its December 21 meeting.
- The Butler County Commission recently approved the purchase of a TruNarc drug identifier for use by Butler County law enforcement agencies. There has been a rise in fentanyl-related offenses and overdoses, including deaths that occur from illegal narcotics. County law enforcement agencies currently rely on KBI laboratories for verification of drug typology. Lab results must be returned before charging or holding a preliminary hearing to maintain an open case within the judicial system. According to the County Attorney, the use of a local, transportable drug analysis tool allows for identification of the chemical compounds in seized drugs and allows cases to be filed faster and stream through the judicial process. Presently, drug arrests are made and almost all suspects are released from custody forty-eight hours later because there is no verification of the compound until there is a formal lab result from KBI. The TruNarc instrument will allow law enforcement agencies to analyze alleged drug chemicals on the scene.

- Staff continued discussions with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) concerning a proposed nutrient trading program that will allow El Dorado to receive credits for its excellent performance in meeting federal and state regulations in its treatment processes. The credits will allow the City to extend future regulatory requirements into the future, meaning the City can defer significant investments that may be required by regulatory agencies to remain compliant. By facilitating the use of Best Management Practices upstream from El Dorado Lake, the City will help extend the useful life of the reservoir and simultaneously reduce the need for costly stormwater management practices that may not be as effective in removing nutrients from the watershed. It is complicated, but the bottom line is the citizens of El Dorado will benefit from the performance of the Public Utilities Department through the deferral of costly infrastructure improvements and practices.
- Staff met with representatives from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regarding some questions about the City's water storage contract at El Dorado Lake. The meeting answered several questions the City had with respect to Operations and Maintenance (O&M) expenses and the administration of the contract itself. The Corps also pointed out a few possible options for modifying the City's contract through the Water Resources Development Act. Staff will continue to explore these options in collaboration with federal elected officials. Finally, we discussed how the City might be able to facilitate the placement of warning buoys in hazardous areas at the lake and possibly get some of the tree obstructions removed or trimmed.
- The League of Kansas Municipalities will once again co-host Local Government Day in Topeka on January 26, 2022. Local Government Day provides an opportunity to make appointments to visit state legislators about issues that are important to the community. The League also organizes a forum late in the afternoon for legislative programming, followed by a reception where all legislators are invited to attend to network with city and county government officials. The City has not attended this event in the past, although it is an excellent opportunity to engage with state officials after the legislative session commences.

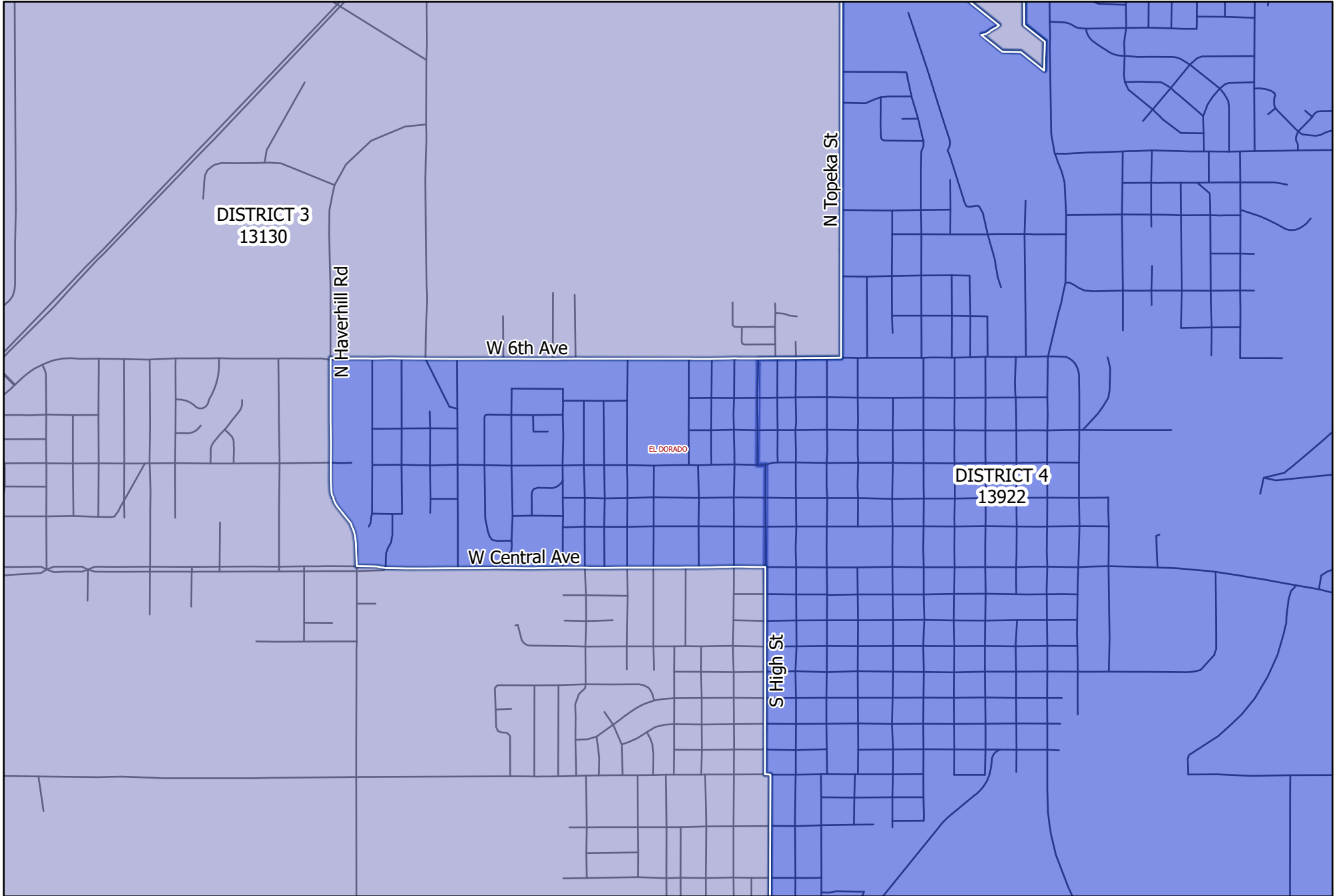
Personnel Update:

- *Vacant and currently advertised positions:* Police Officer (2), Public Works Maintenance Worker (4), Firefighter (2), Water Treatment Operator, Pool Manager
- *Filled and currently advertised positions:* Police Chief
- To date, the City has received twelve applications for Police Chief. The initial review of applications will take place beginning December 21. I am optimistic that the City will start a selection (interview) process at the beginning of next year.
- We had a resignation in the Police and Fire Departments this week, adding to the number of vacancies in each of these departments. The City now has two vacancies in each department.

Commission Calendar:

- *Upcoming City Commission Items (subject to change):*
 - **December 20 Regular Meeting** – FAA Airport Rescue Grant; Lake Recreation Master Plan
 - **December 20 Work Session** (*following regular meeting*) - Commission Orientation; Tall Weeds and Grass Ordinance Revisions
 - **December 29 Work Session** – Commission Orientation; Augusta Wholesale Water Agreement; CIC Annexation Agreement; Refuse Rate Plan
 - **January 3 Regular Meeting** – Advisory Appointments

- *Pending Items (Items to be scheduled for upcoming meeting once completed):* Augusta Wholesale Water Agreement; Professional Services Agreement with PEC (Lake Recreation Master Plan); Street Cut Ordinance; Food Vendor Ordinance; Transient Vendor Ordinance; Business Park Re-platting and Rezoning



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OVERVIEW

Three modernization and expansion highway projects in south central Kansas are being added to the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE) development pipeline. The development pipeline is where preliminary engineering and analysis is completed to prepare projects for construction. Today's three announced projects join 14 projects that were previously identified for development or construction in the region. A robust development pipeline allows us to quickly move the projects that best address current and anticipated regional needs into construction as opportunities arise.

2021 LOCAL CONSULT: YOU SPEAK, KDOT LISTENS, TOGETHER, WE WORK.

KDOT engaged with **more than 520 participants** during the 2021 Local Consult process for the south central region. IKE relies on Kansans' input received through Local Consult every two years to ensure transportation investments fit the needs of our communities today and into the future. This input also helps KDOT determine which projects move forward into the IKE development pipeline.

The following is just one example of what KDOT heard at Local Consult and how we are partnering to moving forward, together.

You said: There is high truck volume and traffic from the agriculture industry on US-56 in Rice County. Due to the traffic concerns, there are safety concerns that called for a need for shoulders.

KDOT listened: The US-56 modernization project to add shoulders in Rice County has been selected for the IKE development pipeline. This project was selected after reviewing priorities of the region as well as engineering, economic and local input scores.

Together, we work: This modernization project is one of several regional priorities within the area. KDOT will continue to partner with local public and private investors to further improve public safety alongside economic development investments in the area.

DISTRICT 5 PARTICIPATION BY THE NUMBERS



305+ PARTICIPATED

IN A LIVE ZOOM MEETING
AND/OR PROVIDED INPUT
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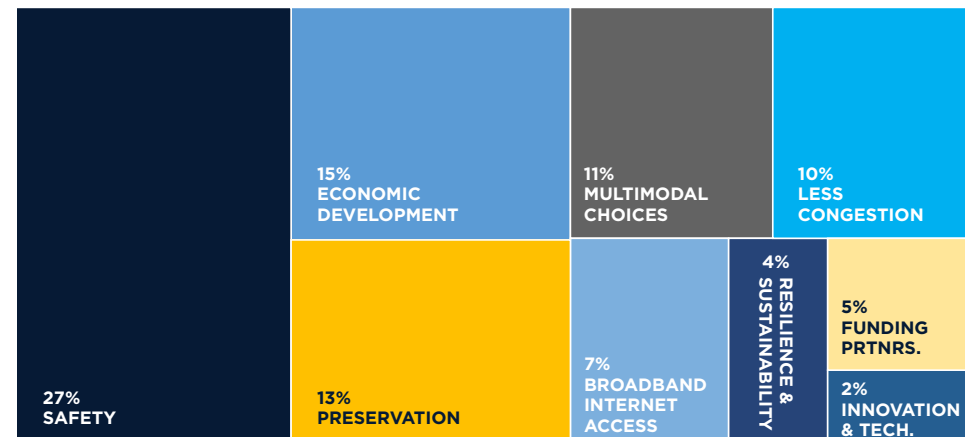


215+ PARTICIPATED

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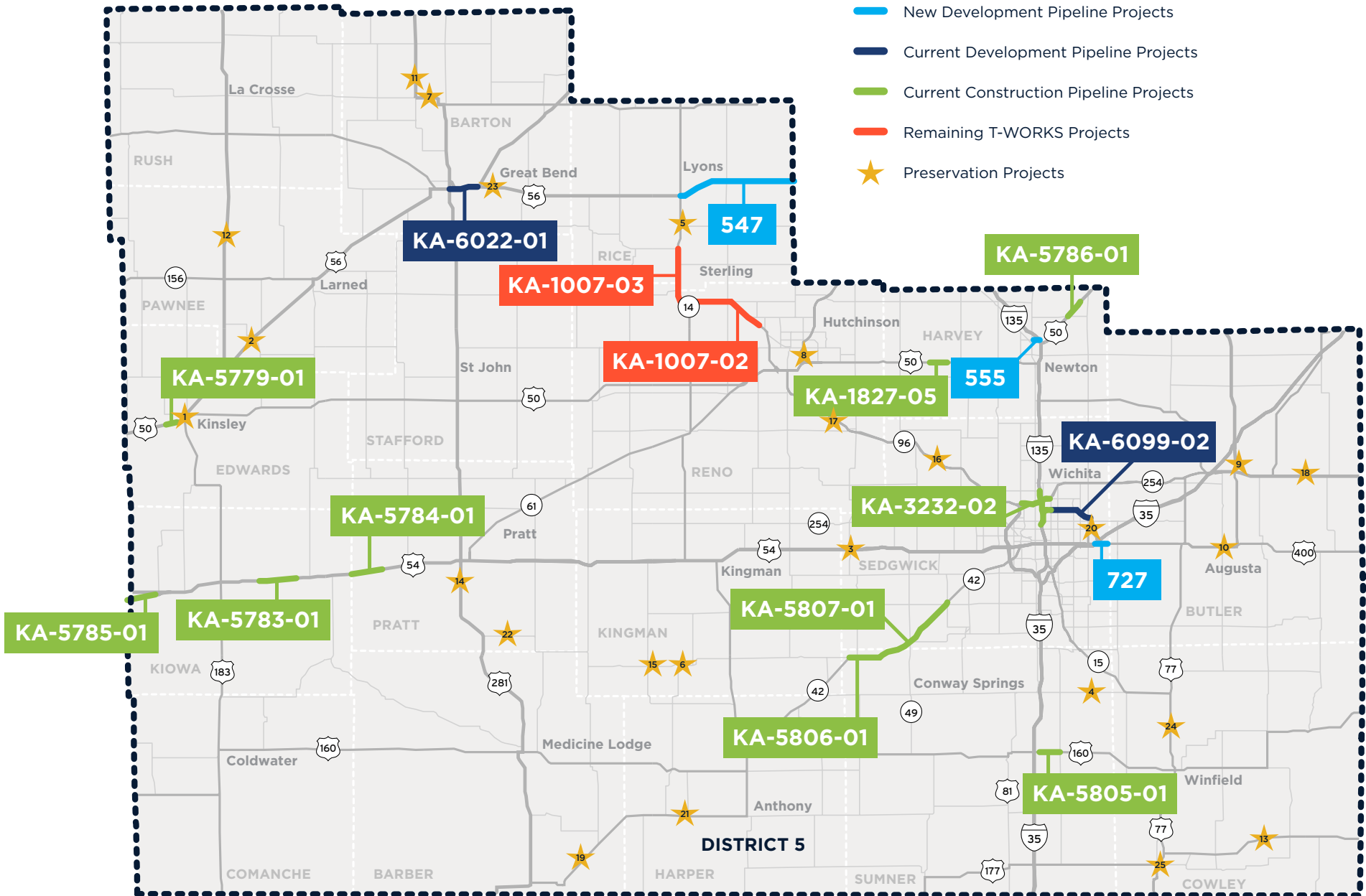
WHAT'S IMPORTANT IN YOUR REGION? PRIORITIES SHARED IN THE SUMMER SURVEY

In preparation for the Local Consult meetings, a summer survey was available online for two weeks in August. KDOT received more than 215 responses from the south central region. The following highlights how participants ranked their top transportation focus areas for the region.



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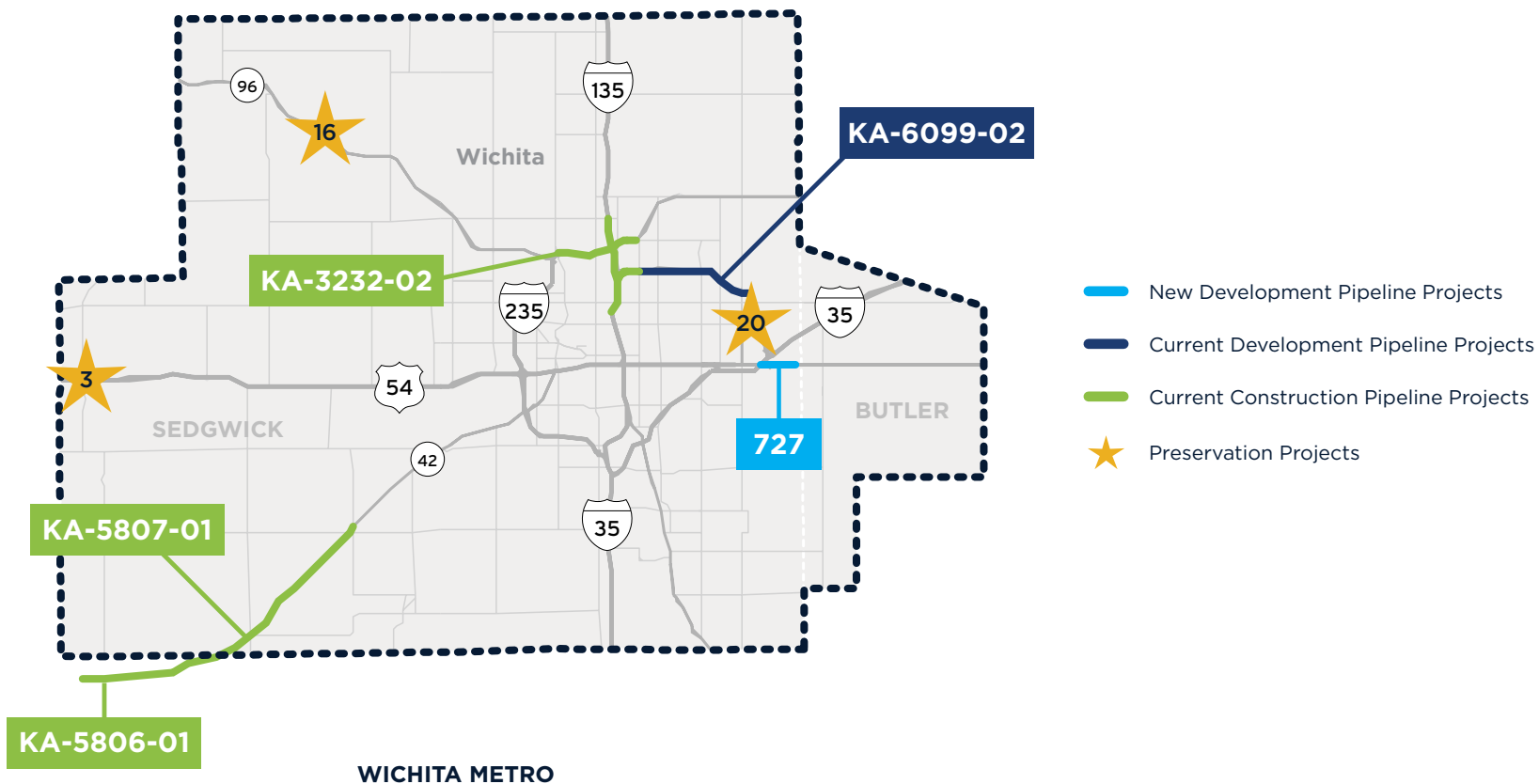
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NEW DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE PROJECTS

MAP ID	DESCRIPTION	EST. COST IN \$M	SCOPE	COMMENTS
547	US-56 Rice County: Lyons to McPherson county line	\$14	Add shoulders	This project adds shoulders, addresses route continuity, and was identified as a top priority during Local Consult due to safety concerns.
555	I-135 Harvey County: I-135/US-50 (north interchange) in Newton	\$5	Interchange capacity improvements	The cost and scope have been updated since Local Consult to reflect adding a ramp instead of reconstructing the entire interchange. Adding a ramp to the interchange will address the biggest concern today. This interchange also has an aging bridge that will be replaced later in the IKE program. Adding this ramp will prevent a long detour during that future bridge replacement.
727	US-54 Sedgwick County: Kellogg Avenue: K-96 interchange, east to half mile east of 159th Street (phase 1)	\$166	Reconstruct interchange and expand to 6-lane freeway	This project is the next phase of Kellogg improvements. Addressing the congestion at the North Junction has shifted the bottleneck to this area. This project improves both the interchange and the US-54 corridor, which allows corridor planning further east in Butler County. This was identified as the highest priority project in the Wichita Local Consult discussions and addresses route continuity.

CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE PROJECTS

KDOT PROJECT #	DESCRIPTION	EST. COST IN \$M	SCOPE
KA-6022-01	US-56 in Barton County: from Great Bend (Kiowa Road) to K-156	\$15	Reconstruct to 4-lane expressway
KA-6099-02	K-96 in Sedgwick County: from North Hillside Street east to North Greenwich Road in Wichita	\$0	Upgrade K-96 in Wichita from a 4-lane to 6-lane freeway



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CONSTRUCTION PIPELINE PROJECTS				
MAP ID	DESCRIPTION	EST. COST IN \$M	CONSTRUCTION FISCAL YEAR	SCOPE
KA-1827-05	US-50 in Harvey County: approximately 7 miles east of the county line (east end of existing passing lanes), east for less than a mile	\$2.1	2023	Eastern extension of the existing passing section
KA-3232-02	I-235 in Sedgwick County at the I-235, I-135, K-254 and K-96 interchange (Gold Project) in northeast Wichita	\$28.6	2023	Interchange improvements
KA-5779-01	US-50 in Edwards County: from 1 mile east of US-50/RS-953 junction (east end of existing passing lanes) east for less than a mile	\$3.6	2023	Passing lanes
KA-5783-01	US-54 in Kiowa County: from 7 miles east of the US-54/US-183 junction, east for 1 mile (westerly extension) and 4 miles east of the Pratt/Kiowa county line, east for 2 miles (eastern extension)	\$3.6	2023	Passing lanes
KA-5784-01	US-54 in Pratt County: from half a mile east of the Pratt/Kiowa county line, east for 3 miles (westerly extension) and 4 miles east of the Pratt/Kiowa county line, east for 1 mile (easterly extension)	\$4.1	2023	Passing lanes
KA-5785-01	US-54 in Kiowa County: from 1 mile east of the Ford/Kiowa county line, east for 3 miles	\$6.2	2023	Passing lanes
KA-5786-01	US-50 in Harvey County: from 7 miles east of the I-135/US-50 junction, east for half a mile (westerly extension)	\$4.1	2023	Construct an extension of the existing passing lanes on both sides of US-50. The existing passing lanes will be lengthened 1.27 miles to the west
KA-5805-01	US-160 in Sumner County: beginning east of I-35 east to the west city limits of Oxford	\$5.5	2024	Rehabilitate and add shoulders
KA-5806-01	K-42 in Sumner County: from less than a mile east of the K-2/42 junction to the Sumner/Sedgwick county line	\$4.3	2024	Rehabilitate and add shoulders
KA-5807-01	K-42 in Sedgwick County	\$6	2024	Rehabilitate and add shoulders



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REMAINING T-WORKS PROJECTS				
MAP ID	DESCRIPTION	EST. COST IN \$M	SCOPE	PROJECT STATUS
KA-1007-02	K-14 in Reno County: from 4 miles southeast of Nickerson, north and west to Reno/Rice county line	\$42.3	Construct 2-lane roadway on 4-lane right of way (on an offset alignment)	Last phase let for construction February 2021 and is expected to be complete June 2023.
KA-1007-03	K-14 in Rice County: from Reno/Rice county line, north to Junction K-96/RS-571	\$40.1	Construct 2-lane roadway on 4-lane right of way (on an offset alignment)	Last phase let for construction February 2021 and is expected to be complete June 2023.



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PRESERVATION PROJECTS - CURRENT AND PLANNED THROUGH 2022

- 1 US-183 in Edwards County:** Reconstruction north to the US-183/US-56 junction. Project starts March 2022 and is expected to be complete December 2022.
- 2 US-56 in Pawnee County:** Highway improvements and bridge replacement from Big Coon Creek northeast to the west city limits of Garfield. Project is ongoing and expected to be complete June 2022.
- 3 US-54 in Sedgwick County:** Bridge redeck located at the westbound junction of K-251/US-54. Project starts April 2022 and is expected to be complete December 2022.
- 4 K-55 in Sumner County:** Bridge replacement located 8 miles east of US-81. Project starts November 2022 and is expected to be complete December 2023.
- 5 K-14 in Rice County:** Bridge replacement located 10 miles north of the Reno county Line. Project starts March 2022 and is expected to be complete March 2023.
- 6 K-42 in Kingman County:** Bridge replacement located 8 miles west of K-14. Project starts April 2022 and is expected to be complete December 2022.
- 7 US-281 in Barton County:** Bridge replacement 3 miles northwest of east Junction K-4. Project starts Ongoing 2022 and is expected to be complete March 2022.
- 8 K-61 in Reno County:** Bridge repairs located 1 mile north of east Junction US-50/K-61 and 2 miles north of east Junction US-50/K-61. Project starts April 2022 and is expected to be complete December 2022.
- 9 US-77 in Butler County:** Bridge repair located less than a mile north of north Junction US-54/US-77. Project starts April 2022 and is expected to be complete December 2022.
- 10 US-54 in Butler County:** Bridge repair located 6 miles east of west Junction US-77/US-54. Project starts September 2022 and is expected to be complete December 2022.
- 11 US-281 in Barton County:** Recycling, mill and overlay, rumble strips, and shoulder edge treatment beginning at K-4 from the Rush/Barton county line to the west Junction US-281/K-4 to the east Junction US-281/K-4 to the Barton/Rice county line. Project starts April 2022 and is expected to be complete December 2022.
- 12 K-156 in Pawnee County:** Mill, overlay and shoulder edge treatment beginning at the Hodgeman/Pawnee county line to the west city limits of Larned. K-264: beginning at State Hospital to Junction K-156/K-264. US-183: beginning at Junction K-156/US-183 to the Pawnee/Rush county line. Project starts April 2022 and is expected to be complete December 2022.
- 13 K-15 in Cowley County:** Mill, overlay, rumble strips, and edge treatment beginning at the Kansas/Oklahoma state line to east Junction K-15/US-166. US-166 in Cowley County beginning at north Junction US-166/US-77 to the Cowley/Chautauqua county line. Project starts April 2022 and is expected to be complete December 2022.



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PRESERVATION PROJECTS - CURRENT AND PLANNED THROUGH 2022

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US-281 in Pratt County: Mill, overlay, rumble strips and shoulder edge treatment from Barber/Pratt county line to the north city limits of Iuka. US-54: Junction K-61/US-54 to 4 miles east of southeast 25th Street Avenue (concrete pavement). K-61: Junction US-54/K-61 less than a mile north to Maple Street (2-lane/4-lane transition). Project starts April 2022 and is expected to be complete December 2022.

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K-42 in Kingman County: Recycling, overlay, and edge treatment on shoulders and sidewalks in Spivey beginning at the Barber/Kingman county line to Junction K-14/K-42. Project starts April 2022 and is expected to be complete December 2022.

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K-96 in Sedgwick County: Overlay beginning at the Sedgwick/Reno county line, east 15 miles to RP 278.8 west of Maize Road. Project is ongoing and expected to be complete May 2022.

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K-96 in Reno County: Overlay beginning at Junction K-14/K-96, east to the Reno/Sedgwick county line. Project is ongoing and expected to be complete May 2022.

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US-54 in Butler County: Mill, overlay and rumble strips on centerline beginning at the east city limits of Eldorado to the Butler/Greenwood county line. US-77: beginning at 130th Street to 110th Street. Project starts April 2022 and is expected to be complete December 2022.

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K-2 in Barber County: Mill, overlay, edge wedge on shoulders and sidewalks in Kiowa beginning at Junction US-281/K-2 to the Barber/Harper county line. K-8 in Barber County beginning at the Kansas/Oklahoma state line to Junction K-2/K-8. Project starts April 2022 and is expected to be complete December 2022.

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K-96 in Sedgwick County: Patching beginning less than a mile east of Webb to Junction US-54/K-96. Project starts April 2022 and is expected to be complete December 2022.

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K-2 in Harper County: Recycle and seal beginning at the Barber/Harper county line to the west city limits of Anthony. Project starts April 2022 and is expected to be complete December 2022.

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K-42 in Pratt County: Recycling, overlay and shoulder edge treatment beginning at Junction US-281/K-42 to the Pratt/Barber county line. Project starts April 2022 and is expected to be complete December 2022.

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US-56 in Barton County: Mill, overlay, rumble strips and patching beginning at the east city limits of Great Bend to the west city limits of Ellinwood. Project starts April 2022 and is expected to be complete December 2022.

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US-77 in Cowley County: Surfacing, patching (if needed) and rumble strips on centerline and shoulders beginning less than a mile west of 4th Street (concrete/asphalt limits) to Junction US-77/K-15. Project starts March 2022 and is expected to be complete December 2022.

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US-77 in Cowley County: Mill and overlay beginning at Junction US-77/Summit Street to Junction US-77/Madison Avenue. Project starts April 2022 and is expected to be complete December 2022.