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KDOT Selects Transportation Enhancement Projects

The Kansas Department of Transportation has selected 14 projects for inclusion in its Transportation Enhancement program for Federal Fiscal Years 2009-2010.

The projects are being made possible through economic stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Total cost for the selected projects was approximately \$11.4 million. KDOT had received 101 applications from local units of government for funding consideration totaling more than \$110 million.

"The Transportation Enhancement program provides federal highway funds for projects that strengthen the cultural, aesthetic or environmental value of our transportation system," said KDOT Secretary of Transportation Deb Miller. "This program has been very popular in the state and these improvements couldn't have happened without local partners and KDOT working together."

Transportation Enhancement projects under this federal program fall into three major program categories. They include Historic, Pedestrian/Bicycle and Scenic/Environmental projects.

The 14 selected projects are listed below.

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Historic Projects

Franklin County - Rehabilitation of six Midland Railway Line timber railroad trestles between Montana Road and Pawnee Road; **Douglas County** - Brick street restoration on New York Street from 9th to 12th in Lawrence; **Kansas State Historical Society** – Interior Restoration of the Goodnow House State Historical Site in Manhattan.

Scenic/Environmental Projects

Rice County - Landscaping & Scenic enhancements in key areas in the City of Sterling; **Stevens County** - Business district streetscape beautification centered on the intersection of U.S. 56 and 6th Street in Hugoton; **Chase County** - Visitors Center on the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve along the Flint Hills Scenic Byway; **Wyandotte County** - Phase II Streetscape improvements on K-32/Front Street in Bonner Springs; **Miami County** – Downtown Streetscape from west of 6th & Main to east of 5th Street in Oswatomie.

Bike/Pedestrian Projects

Franklin County - Prairie Spirit Rail Trail lighting enhancement between 5th and 23rd in Ottawa; **Douglas County** - Pedestrian/bicycle path on Clinton Parkway from Wakarusa Drive to K-10 in Lawrence; **Sedgwick County** - Pedestrian/bicycle path on west side of Webb Road from Cedar Brook north to the path at 111th Street in Mulvane; **Jackson County** – Pedestrian/Bicycle trail on Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation reservation 1.7 miles in length; **Johnson County** - Extend South Indian Creek Trail approximately 1.3 miles from Southdowns Park to Hampton Park in Olathe; **Osage County** - Pedestrian bridge over U.S. 75 approximately 2.2 miles north of Lyndon.

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