



FORWARD

KANSAS

Kansans have always looked to the future. Eyes clear and fixed on the horizon ahead. Every one of those who call this great state our home know that our best days are ahead, if we make wise decisions now that propel us forward.

At KDOT, we are ready to do all we can to support a bright future for our state and its people.

OUR BEST DAYS ARE AHEAD

Proposed Legislation Overview



Flexible & Responsive

With the accelerating rate of economic and technological change, the new transportation program, FORWARD, must be flexible and responsive to meet shifting needs and address safety concerns. FORWARD implements a two-year rolling program approach, allowing Kansas to future-proof its investments.



POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- Highway modernization and expansion projects selected every two years.
- Limited alternative delivery contracting to deliver projects faster.
- Prioritize preservation.



BENEFITS TO KANSANS

- Better able to address community problems and capture emerging opportunities.
- Allows communities to shift priorities and project scopes to better address current and future needs.
- A stable construction pipeline allows the State to more effectively leverage federal funds and improves transportation business climate.



Problem Solving

Transportation impacts multiple facets of Kansans lives – their health, safety, jobs and time with their families. FORWARD should be delivered in way that reflects this. KDOT will solve more problems by utilizing all its resources rather than being limited by internally generated program/project categories.



POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- Provides more flexible annual commitments (state dollars only) to modal and set-aside programs. The 10-year minimum commitments remain in place.
- A streamlined application process.



BENEFITS TO KANSANS

- Resources directed to the most pressing needs statewide each year, including rural broadband expansion, and provides more holistic transportation solutions.
- Easier and streamlined application process for communities.
- More resources to make local improvements through these new/expanded programs:
 - Preservation +
 - Local Bridge
 - Cost Share
 - Strategic Safety Improvements
 - Unmanned aerial systems (UAS)

PROGRAM LEGACY

Comprehensive Highway Program (CHP)
1991-1999

Comprehensive Transportation Program (CTP)
2000-2009

T-Works
2010-2020

FORWARD Kansas
2020-2029

RURAL

URBAN





Leverage Partnerships

To maintain the performance level Kansans expect in their transportation system, **FORWARD** will leverage partnerships with local communities to generate more local match and input on practical improvements and project phasing to stretch dollars further.



POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- Additional consideration for construction selection will be given to projects where communities provide a local match, phase a project or use practical improvements.
- Ongoing dialogue between KDOT and communities throughout project development.



BENEFITS TO KANSANS

- Increased funding to address more needs statewide.
- Opportunity to provide more input and tailor projects to fit current and future needs.
- Strengthen local engineer partnerships with communitiesw



Transparent & Accountable

FORWARD is supported by a strong foundation of transparency and accountability.



POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- Requirement for local consult every 2 years.
- Additional annual reporting requirements



BENEFITS TO KANSANS

- With flexibility, the department must meet a greater duty for transparency.
- Many more opportunities for accountability discussions.

A NEW PROGRAM

Protect Revenue Sources to Strengthen the System -

We can't allow the health of our transportation system to decline. The new program will provide funding at a level to replace the infrastructure at the rate that it is used. KDOT will use "protected" sources like gas tax and federal funds for ongoing preservation work that doesn't have a solid base of advocates. Revenues from sales tax should be used on higher profile project categories like Modernization and Expansion projects. While these projects contribute to the health of the system, they are not critical to maintaining health.

	TWORKS Planned	TWORKS Actual 8-19	FORWARD* With Bonding
Preservation	\$4.6B	\$3.2B	\$5.0B
Preservation+ & Innovative Technology			300M
Mod/Expansion (without T-WORKS)	1.7B	1.2B	2.3B
Eco Devo	100M	100M	200M
Modes	200M	200M	200M
Cost Share/Safety/Local Bridge			300M
SCCHF	1.6B	1.5B	1.6B
Total	\$8.2B	\$6.2B	\$9.9B

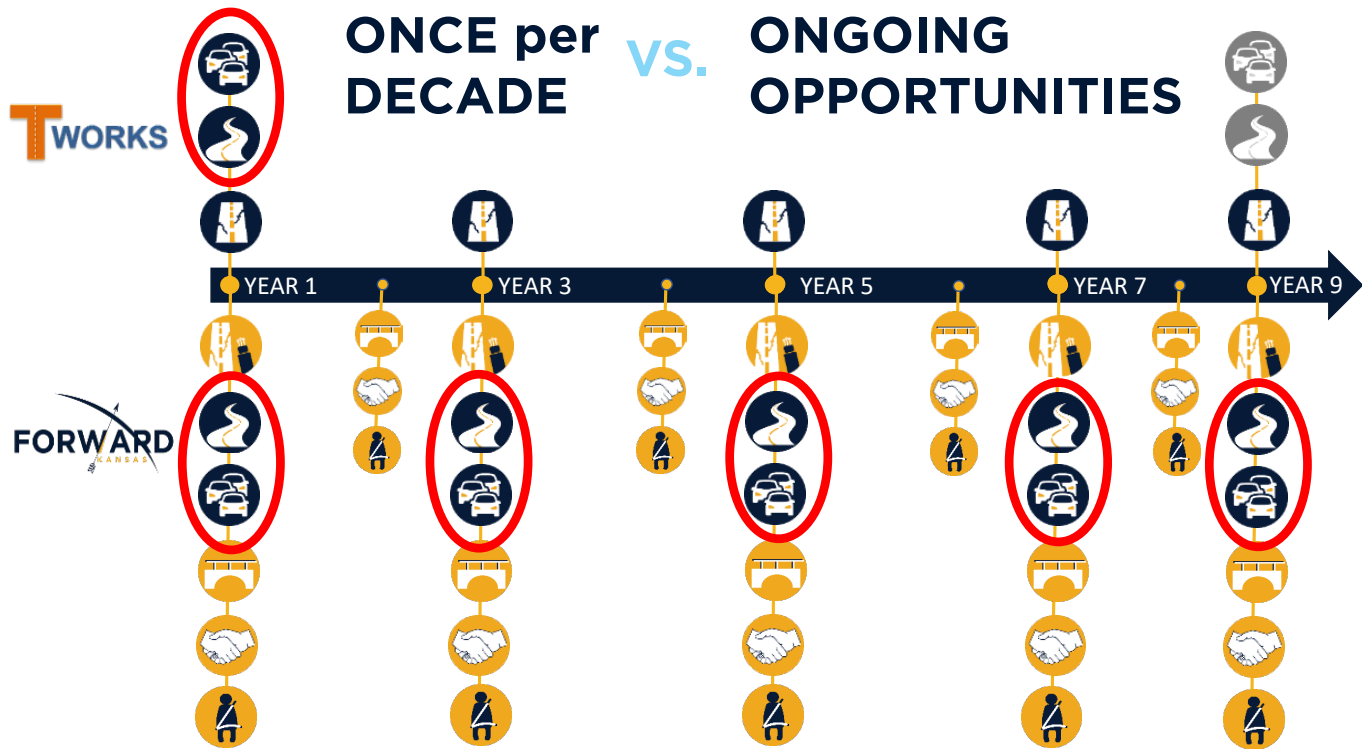


PROGRAM DETAILS

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Rolling program – Projects selected every two years following local consultation process.



How is this program different than past programs?

ACTION	SAME	NEW	WHY?
Local consult meetings held every two years to prioritize programs and projects regionally	✓		Though not a new approach, FORWARD will require meetings be held every 2 years.
All Kansas counties will receive at least \$8 million in transportation improvements.	✓		Highly supported by Kansans.
The engineering, economic and local input scoring process to evaluate highway modernization and expansion projects on a statewide basis.	✓		KDOT must select the best team of projects in order to generate the most benefit to the system and statewide evaluation process is the best way to do so.
Highway modernization and expansion projects selected every two years rather than once a decade		✓	Stakeholders need more flexibility .
Problem-solving approach to address the most pressing needs		✓	To maximize resources & meet more needs
Increased emphasis on local match and smaller improvements		✓	Leverages investment in system and keeps communities engaged in the process.
New/expanded programs to provide communities more resources:		✓	High demand for these new programs; helps us leverage technology and local resources; address safety needs faster.





“Transportation should support the way Kansans want to live – and it is part of the fabric of our lives. It’s a supporting fiber that needs to be woven into full cloth – including education, health care and the myriad of other public services.

Transportation isn’t just about roads and bridges – it’s about getting people where they want and need to go – safely and as conveniently and with as much choice as possible.

It’s also about getting goods and services where need to go – safely and cost effectively. We compete better when we drive down transportation costs.”

Julie Lorenz
Secretary of Transportation

