

Build Kansas Fund | Fiscal Year 2026 Application Package | Memo



To: Senator Rick Billinger, Chair, Build Kansas Advisory Committee
Chardae Caine, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Shauna Wake, Office of the Kansas State Treasurer

From: Shawn Wesner, Executive Director, Kansas Infrastructure Hub

RE: Build Kansas Fund Application #2026-177-SCKEDD

Date: May 6, 2026

Attached, please find an application made to the Build Kansas Fund by the City of Wichita. The application packet includes the following items:

- Coversheet – provides a high-level overview of the application including a unique identification number, page 1 of 11 of the Build Kansas Fund Application Package.
- Build Kansas Fund Application – includes information submitted with the Build Kansas Fund Application, pages 2-7. Page 8 provides the table of funding sources and zip codes served by the project.
- Attachments – Project narrative, pages 9-11.

Project Overview

The City of Wichita seeks funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation for funding available through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program for their Connecting Kansans through Multimodal Improvements at US-54/400 & Eisenhower Airport Pkwy. project which includes planning and preliminary design for transportation improvements at the US-54/400 and Eisenhower Airport Parkway interchange to enhance safety, connectivity, and access to Wichita’s Eisenhower National Airport.

This opportunity is a discretionary IJA program with a local match requirement of 20% of the total project cost. The entity is requesting \$540,000.00 from the Build Kansas Fund, and is providing a local cash match of \$60,000.00. This request has the potential to unlock \$2,400,000.00 in federal funds, for a total project cost of \$3,000,000.00.

The deadline was February 24, 2026, and this Build Kansas Fund application was received on February 19, 2026.

Previously Awarded BKF

Program/Fiscal Year	BKF Amount	Federal Award Status	BKF Status
PROTECT FY25	\$7,156,200.00	Pending	Committed
SS4A FY25	\$4,750,000.00	Awarded	Obligated

Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee Recommendation

The Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee reviewed this application on March 12, 2026 following a successful completeness check. The Steering Committee **RECOMMENDS APPROVAL** of Build Kansas Funding to the Build Kansas Advisory Committee for final advice.

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Build Kansas Fund Application Number	2026-177-SCKEDD		
Applicant Name	City of Wichita		
Application Date Received	2/19/2026		
Project Name	Connecting Kansans through Multimodal Improvements at US-54/400 & Eisenhower Airport Pkwy.		
Project Description	Conduct planning and preliminary design for improvements to the US-54/400 and Eisenhower Airport Parkway interchange to enhance safety, connectivity, and access to Wichita's Eisenhower National Airport.		
Entity Type	Local Government		
Economic Development District (EDD)	Southeast KS Regional Planning Commission		
Infrastructure Sector(s)	Transportation		
IIJA Program	Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD)		
IIJA Program Type	Discretionary		
Application Type	Planning		
IIJA Application Deadline	2/24/2026		
Build Kansas Fund Request	\$540,000.000		
Technical Assistance Received	General	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	IIJA Application	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Build Kansas Fund Application	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Application Notes	Build Kansas Fund contribution of \$540,000.00 will unlock \$2,400,000.00 in federal IIJA funding, with a local cash contribution of \$60,000.00, for a total project cost of \$3,000,000.00.		
Previously Awarded BKF Applications (If Applicable)	Program/FY	BKF Amount	Status
	PROTECT FY25	\$7,156,200.00	Awaiting/Committed
	SS4A FY25	\$4,750,000.00	Awarded/Obligated
Steering Committee Funding Recommendation	3/12/2026 Recommend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Declined <input type="checkbox"/>		
Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation	5/6/2026 Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Declined <input type="checkbox"/>		

Title **City of Wichita** 02/19/2026
by **James Wagner** in **Build Kansas Fund Application** id. 53231333
jwagner@wichita.gov

Original Submission 02/19/2026

Score n/a

Part 1: Applicant Information

The name of the entity applying for the Build Kansas Fund: City of Wichita

Project Name: Connecting Kansans through Multimodal Improvements at US-54/400 & Eisenhower Airport Pkwy

Entity type: Local Government

Entity Population: 396,119

Applicant Contact Name: Paul Gunzelman

Applicant Contact Position/Title: City Engineer

Applicant Contact Telephone Number: +13162684501

Applicant Contact Email Address: pgunzelman@wichita.gov

Applicant Contact Address: 455 N Main

Applicant Contact Address Line 2 (optional): 7th Floor Engineering

Applicant Contact City: Wichita

Applicant Contact State: Kansas

Applicant Contact Zip Code: 67202

Is the Project Contact the same as the Applicant Contact? Yes

Part 2: Build Kansas Fund - Eligibility Criteria

Certify that you are pursuing an Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity for which your entity is eligible: Yes

Certify that the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity you are pursuing has a required non-federal match component: Yes

What is the primary county that the project will occur in? Sedgwick County

The Build Kansas Fund is intended to support Kansas-based infrastructure projects. Please provide a list of all the zip codes this project will be located in, along with an estimated percent [%] of the project located in that zip code. For example, if seeking funding for road infrastructure, provide a rough percent of the roads expected in each zip code:

[Zip Code Percentage.xlsx](#)

Part 3: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) - Grant Application Information Please Note: This information is related to the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity to which you will apply. This is NOT information for the Build Kansas Match Fund.

Please enter the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity title that the entity is applying for: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD)

What is the funding agency for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity? U.S. Department of Transportation

What is the Assistance Listing Number (ALN) for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity?	20.933
What is the federal application due date for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity?	2/24/2026
Application Type:	Planning
What is the federal fiscal year for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity?	2026
Enter the amount of funding being applied for, from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity:	\$2,400,000.00
Enter the total project cost:	\$3,000,000.00
Enter the required non-federal match percentage:	20%
<p>Part 4: Build Kansas Fund - Match Application Information Beginning in July 2024 and moving forward, eligible applicants are expected to contribute a portion of the non-Federal match requirement. This contribution can be in the form of cash and/or in-kind contributions. The goal is to demonstrate the applicant's commitment to the project. The contribution should be significant enough relative to the Build Kansas Fund request. For a local public entity, 5% of the non-federal match is a good guideline, but not a requirement. See Build Kansas Fund Program Guidance for exceptions and more information.</p>	

Enter the non-federal cash match amount being requested from the Build Kansas Fund: \$540,000.00

Enter the non-federal cash match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable: \$60,000.00

Enter the estimated value of the non-federal in-kind match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable: \$0

Expected breakdown of funding sources to support the project: Enter the funding source and projected amount from each source to support this project:

[Kansas+DOT+table_V2.xlsx](#)

Part 5: Build Kansas Fund - Means Test and Eligible Applicant Match

What other available funding sources that are currently planned to go unused by your entity will be leveraged for this project? N/A

Will any American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) or Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund monies be used for the non-federal match? N/A

What other sources of in-kind match will be leveraged for this project? Please list and include the actual or estimated value of each. N/A

What other funding sources (local, federal, or non-federal) will be used for this match? The City of Wichita will provide up to a 2% match of local funding (\$60,000) based on a \$3,000,000 project award. If funding is not awarded through the Build Kansas Fund, the City of Wichita will be unable to fund further transportation planning and construction to enhance safety within the interchange.

Describe your efforts to find other available funding sources for this project: The City of Wichita has worked with private and public entities on this project. Non-federal match contributions have not been secured for the project as the City of Wichita will maintain public roads designated within the project. The City of Wichita has requested FY 24 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Funds in the amount of \$2.1 million, which has not been confirmed and is phased for a different project within the interchange expansion and study area.

Part 6: Additional Information

Please upload a draft or final version of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) program grant application associated with this request OR an executive summary providing an overview of the project:

[FY26_BUILD_Grant_Wichita_Project_Scope_Map.pdf](#)

[Wichita_BUILD_Grant-_KS_Inf_Hub_Exec_Summary_1.pdf](#)

Provide any additional information about this project not covered in previous sections of this application (optional):

Part 7: Terms and Conditions

Understanding of Fund Release Requirements: checked

Understanding of Use of Funds: checked

Understanding of Reporting Requirements: checked

Authority to Make Grant Application: checked

Persons and Titles: Paul Gunzelman
The following persons are responsible for making this Build Kansas Fund application.

Position/Title: City Engineer

Additional: James
Wagner

Position/Title: Special Projects Engineer

Additional:

Position/Title:

Additional:

Position/Title:

Source	Amount	% of Project
Build Kansas Funds (non-federal match)	\$ 540,000.00	18%
Eligible Applicant Cash Match	\$ 60,000.00	2%
Eligible Applicant In-Kind Match (estimated value)	\$ -	0%
IIJA Federal Funds (applied for)	\$ 2,400,000.00	80%
Additional Project Contribution (if applicable)	\$ -	0%
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$3,000,000.00	100%

***Applicant match contribution is 5% of total match requirement**

Zip Code	% of project in zip code
67209	100%
	100% In Kansas

Overview

The City of Wichita, Kansas (the City) is requesting \$2,400,000 in federal funding from the FY26 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program to support the **Eisenhower National Airport Interchange Planning & Design Project** at US-54/400 and Eisenhower Airport Parkway in Wichita, KS. BUILD funds will be used to conduct planning and engineering design to improve safety and connectivity, rebuild aging infrastructure, and improve access in the region.

The project is a comprehensive study of an area centered on the interchange of the Kellogg Freeway (US 54/ 400) and Eisenhower Airport Parkway interchange, which is a significant gateway not only to the airport, but also the city, and approximately 845 acres surrounding the interchange. The interchange is the primary access to and from the airport for travelers and air cargo, as well as major airport employers, and is a major west metro area connection for roughly 90,000 daily commuters, and a major connection to a booming commercial corridor and northwest Wichita neighborhoods. The city has identified the area as having significant safety, connectivity, and infrastructure deterioration issues and is a priority because of its connection to the region's transportation network and position as a manufacturing and economic hub, but lacks the funding necessary to perform the necessary planning and initial design plans.

Proposed planning activities include a full traffic study, preliminary engineering study, environmental assessment, and a comprehensive public engagement and input process to define the highest priority projects in the study area, from which topographical survey, project design, and construction plans will be prepared. All potential transportation solutions will occur on city-owned rights-of-way or lands owned by the Wichita Airport Authority, a city entity, so little to no additional rights-of-way are anticipated. It is anticipated that improvements could include significant reconstruction of the Kellogg and Eisenhower Airport Parkway interchange; reconstruction of Eisenhower Airport Parkway, Airport Road, Ridge Road, and Harry Street; the addition of new sidewalks and multi-use trails; transit facility and service improvements; storm water sewer and utility upgrades; area traffic signal enhancements, landscape and aesthetic enhancements; and identification of EV charging locations for the public and airport users. The project location and proposed scope are illustrated in *Figure 1*.

By receiving BUILD funding for the planning and design phase of the project, the City of Wichita will be able to identify a plan to identify solutions for area transportation and infrastructure deficiencies, implement the highest priority projects, and chart a path forward for future City, State, US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, and Federal Aviation Administration funding requests to implement the project. This project will begin the long overdue transformation of an area that has lacked a comprehensive vision for improvements to enhance safety, connectivity, and economic development after years of individual projects addressing singular transportation issues, often creating additional barriers and issues for the public.

While the City of Wichita and the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) continue to address challenges facing the area as part of incremental improvements and maintenance functions, this funding would facilitate a more substantial study and design that would implement a cohesive and comprehensive transportation solution for the area.

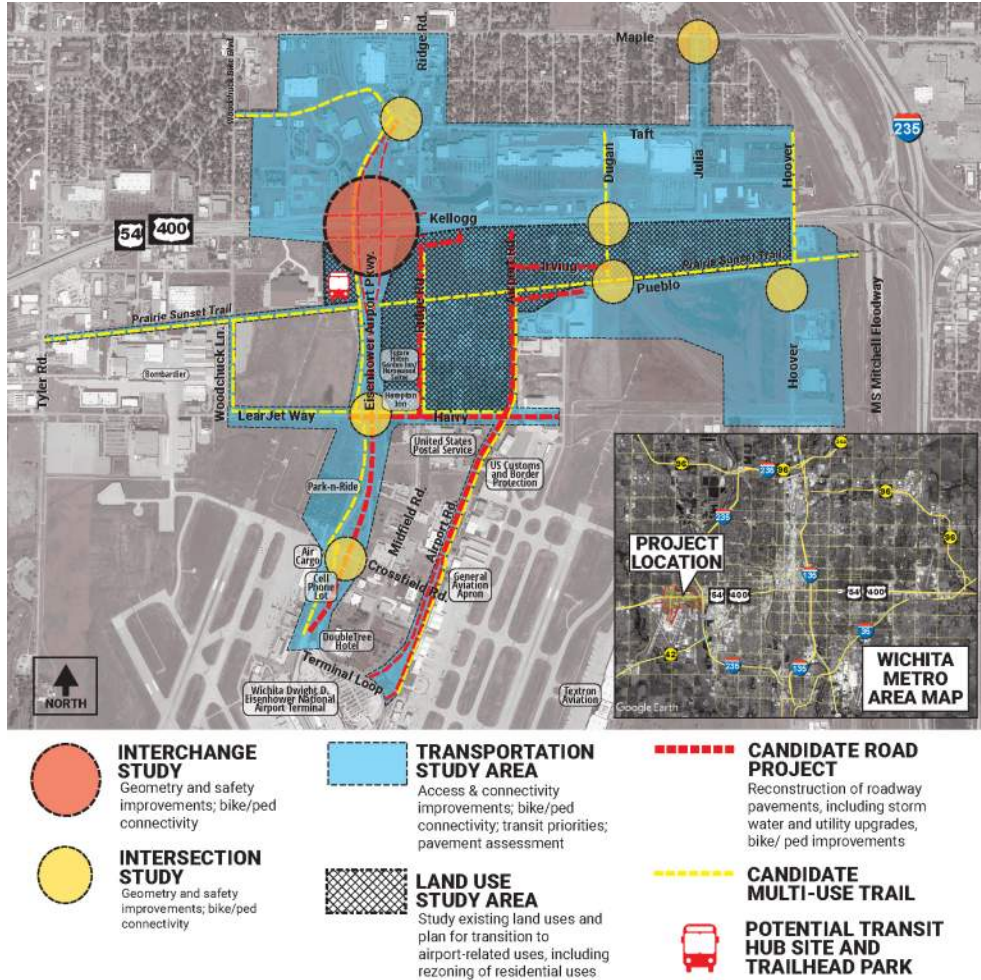


Figure 1. Map indicating the proposed project area and scope of work.

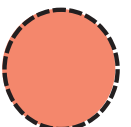


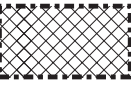



Statement of Work

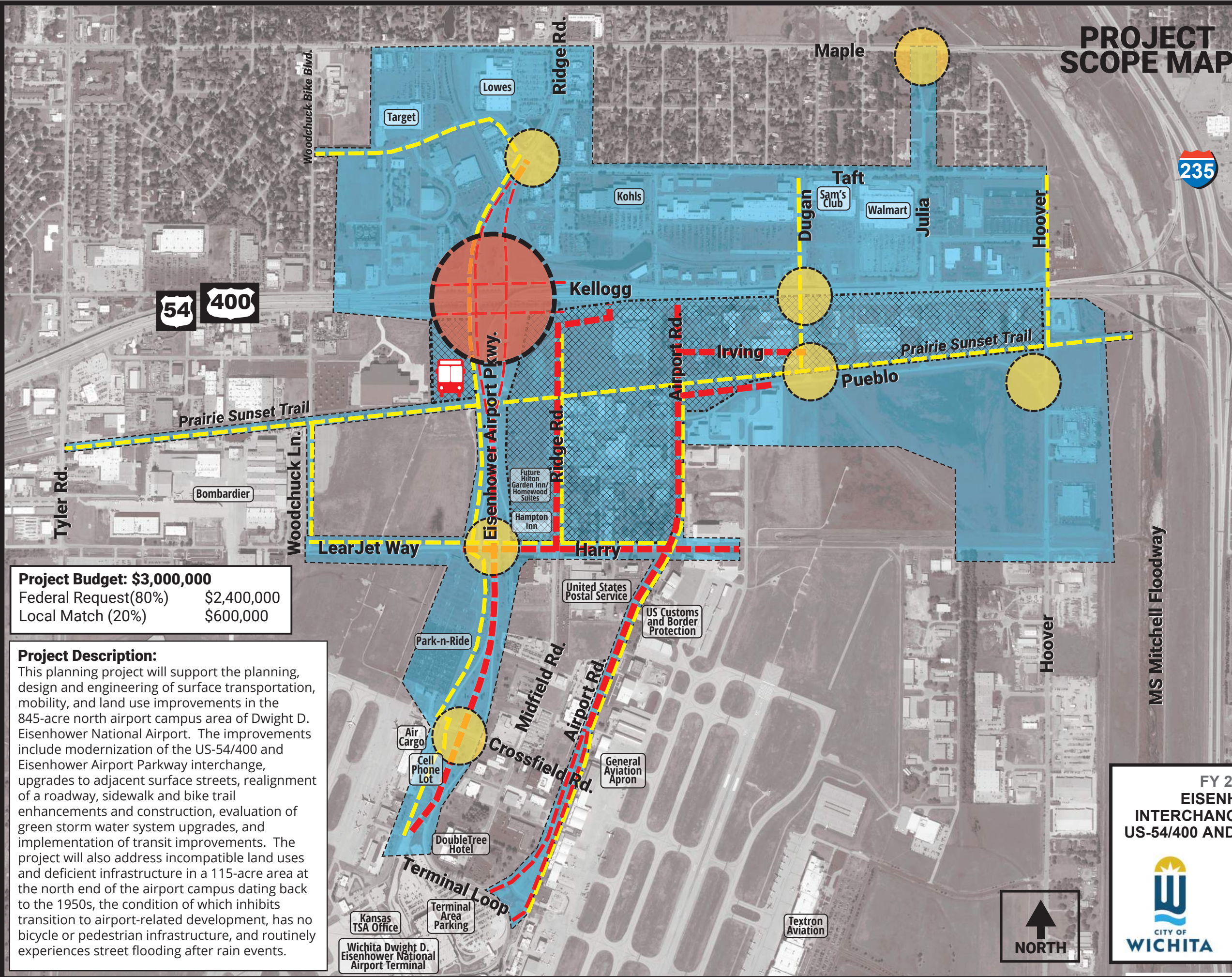
The City of Wichita has identified significant infrastructure needs in the area around the Kellogg and Eisenhower Airport Parkway interchange. The proposed project will bring together the City of Wichita, KDOT, Wichita Airport Authority, and Wichita Transit to study deficiencies, identify actionable recommendations, prioritize those improvements, and begin design to implement the highest priority projects. The project will include two stages: the planning study and engineering design.

The planning study stage will include:	The engineering design stage will include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic study. Preliminary engineering study. Environmental assessment. Comprehensive public engagement and input process to define the highest priority projects in the study area to move forward to engineering design. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topographic survey. Preliminary and final project design. Public engagement events and meetings at the 30%, 60%, 90%, and 100% design levels. 30%, 60%, 90%, and 100% shovel-ready construction plans.

PROJECT SCOPE MAP

LEGEND

-  **INTERCHANGE STUDY**
Geometry and safety improvements; bike/ped connectivity
-  **INTERSECTION STUDY**
Geometry and safety improvements; bike/ped connectivity
 - EAP & Harry
 - EAP & Crossfield Rd.
 - EAP & Taft
 - Kellogg Frontage Roads and Dugan
 - Pueblo at Dugan and Hoover
 - Maple & Julia
-  **TRANSPORTATION STUDY AREA**
Access & connectivity improvements; bike/ped connectivity; transit priorities; pavement assessment
-  **LAND USE STUDY AREA**
Study existing land uses and plan for transition to airport-related uses, including rezoning of residential uses
-  **CANDIDATE ROAD PROJECT**
Reconstruction of roadway pavements, including storm water and utility upgrades, bike/ ped improvements
-  **CANDIDATE MULTI-USE TRAIL**
-  **POTENTIAL TRANSIT HUB SITE AND TRAILHEAD PARK**



Project Budget: \$3,000,000
 Federal Request (80%) \$2,400,000
 Local Match (20%) \$600,000

Project Description:
 This planning project will support the planning, design and engineering of surface transportation, mobility, and land use improvements in the 845-acre north airport campus area of Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport. The improvements include modernization of the US-54/400 and Eisenhower Airport Parkway interchange, upgrades to adjacent surface streets, realignment of a roadway, sidewalk and bike trail enhancements and construction, evaluation of green storm water system upgrades, and implementation of transit improvements. The project will also address incompatible land uses and deficient infrastructure in a 115-acre area at the north end of the airport campus dating back to the 1950s, the condition of which inhibits transition to airport-related development, has no bicycle or pedestrian infrastructure, and routinely experiences street flooding after rain events.

FY 2026 BUILD Planning Grant
**EISENHOWER NATIONAL AIRPORT
 INTERCHANGE PLANNING & DESIGN PROJECT
 US-54/400 AND EISENHOWER AIRPORT PARKWAY**