

**PRELIMINARY
MINUTES**

BUILD KANSAS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 16, 2026
Room 281-N—Statehouse

Members Present

Representative Troy Waymaster – Chairperson
Senator Rick Billinger – Vice-chairperson
Senator Michael Fagg
Representative Shannon Francis
Representative Kyle Hoffman
Senator Pat Pettey
Senator Tim Shallenburger

Members Absent

Representative Henry Helgerson
Representative Lindsay Vaughn

Staff Present

Chardae Caine, Kansas Legislative Research Department (KLRD)
Dylan Dear, KLRD
Jacob Kleespie, KLRD
Walt Nelson, KLRD
Chris Waggoner, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Susan McClacherty, Committee Assistant

Conferees

Shawn Wesner, Executive Director, Kansas Infrastructure Hub

**Wednesday, July 16
Afternoon Session**

Call to Order

Chairperson Waymaster called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Presentation on Kansas Infrastructure Hub and Build Kansas Fund Updates

Shawn Wesner, Executive Director, Kansas Infrastructure Hub, on behalf of the Build Kansas Steering Committee, provided a budget update on the Build Kansas Fund from FY 2024-2027 and the amount remaining for programming. She also provided a brief description of the Airport Infrastructure Grants (AIG), Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A), and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities programs and summarized the successes of the Build Kansas Program as follows:

- 43 of 47 AIG were accepted by the Federal government; and
- 21 of 35 SS4A applications received their Federal award.

Presentation on Infrastructure Applications to the Build Kansas Matching Grant Fund

Shawn Wesner, Executive Director, Kansas Infrastructure Hub, on behalf of the Build Kansas Steering Committee, presented 20 applications requesting Build Kansas Matching Grant Funds based on the Committee's recommendations. ([Attachment 1](#))

She provided background information of grants an applicant received in recent years, when applicable, and answered questions from Committee members.

The following applications were reviewed:

1. #2026-184-GPDI is from Grant County for replacement of the Medium Intensity Taxiway Lighting (MITL) system and taxiway guidance signs serving the parallel and connecting taxiways for Runway 17-35. The entity is requesting \$24,329 and is contributing a local match contribution of \$1,280. This request has the potential to unlock \$486,557 of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$512,166. ([Attachment 2](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

2. #2026-200-SEKRPC is from the Coffey County Airport Commission for replacement of the Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) and installation of a AWOS III-P/T system to improve weather monitoring, enhance aviation safety, and support reliable airport operations. The entity is requesting \$16,413 and is contributing a local match of \$864. This request has the potential to unlock \$328,246 of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$345,523. ([Attachment 3](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

3. #2026-201-GPDI is from the Syracuse-Hamilton County Airport Commission for replacement of the MITL and Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPI) systems, and the airport rotating beacon to improve airfield visibility, enhance aviation safety, and support reliable airport operations. The entity is requesting \$23,893 and is contributing a local match of \$1,258. The request has the potential to unlock \$477,848 of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$502,998. ([Attachment 4](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

4. #2026-207-SEKRPC is from the City of Independence to rehabilitate Runway 4-22 and Taxiway C to improve pavement conditions, reduce foreign object debris, and enhance airfield safety at Independence Municipal Airport. The entity is requesting \$10,840 and is contributing a local match of \$571. The request has the potential to unlock \$216,776 of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$228,186. ([Attachment 5](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

5. #2026-208-SCKEDD is from the Wichita Airport Authority to relocate and widen Taxiway A2 to accommodate larger aircraft, improve airfield functionality, and support continued growth at Colonel James Jabara Airport. The entity is requesting \$28,901 and is contributing a local match of \$3,211. The request has the potential to unlock \$610,133 of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$642,245. ([Attachment 6](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

6. #206-210-SCKEDD is from the City of Kingman to construct a parallel taxiway extension along Runway 18/36 to improve airfield safety, reduce runway back-taxi operations, and enhance airport functionality at Kingman Airport. The entity is requesting \$26,838 and is contributing a local match of \$1,413. The request has the potential to unlock \$536,750 of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$565,000. ([Attachment 7](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

7. #2026-211-GPDI is from the City of Liberal to expand the terminal parking lot by constructing additional parking facilities to meet current demand, accommodate future growth, and enhance passenger access and airport operations. The entity is requesting \$28,350 and is contributing a local match of \$1,492. The request has the potential to unlock \$567,000 of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$596,842. ([Attachment 8](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

8. #2026-212-MOKAN is from the City of Atchison to rehabilitate the airport apron and hangar taxilanes while expanding the apron to improve pavement conditions, increase aircraft parking capacity, and enhance operational safety at Amelia Earhart Airport. The entity is requesting \$16,188 and is contributing a local match of \$852. The request has the potential to unlock \$323,750 of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$340,790. ([Attachment 9](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

9. #2026-182-MARC is from the City of Spring Hill to construct systematic enhanced infrastructure safety improvements along the 215th Street/South Street corridor from Webster Road to US-169. The entity is requesting \$666,280 and is contributing a local match of \$35,067. The request has the potential to unlock \$2.8 million of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$3.5 million. ([Attachment 10](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

10. #2026-187-SEKRPC is from Montgomery County to implement targeted roadway safety improvements along with the CR5700 and CR5600 corridors to reduce roadway departure and intersection-related crashes. The entity is requesting \$884,070 and is contributing a local match of \$46,530. The request has the potential to unlock \$3.7 million of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$4.6 million. ([Attachment 11](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

11. #2026-188-NoEDD is from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation to rehabilitate bridges and implement targeted roadway safety improvements to reduce fatalities and serious injuries across the Nation's transportation network. The entity is requesting \$819,487 and is contributing an In-Kind match of \$43,131. The request has the potential to unlock \$3.5 million of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$4.3 million. ([Attachment 12](#))

Senator Shallenburger moved, Representative Francis seconded, that the entity provide a 5.0 percent local cash contribution instead of an in-kind contribution. The motion carried. The application was sent back to the entity requesting a 5.0 percent local cash contribution instead of an in-kind contribution.

12. #206-194-SCKEDD is from the City of Winfield to implement multimodal safety improvements along Simpson Avenue and Viking Boulevard to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety, reduce crashes, and create safer access to schools and community destinations. The entity is requesting \$1.2 million and is contributing a local match of \$62,180. The request has the potential to unlock \$4.9 million of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$6.2 million. ([Attachment 13](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

13. #2026-197-MARC is from the Wyandotte Unified Government to implement targeted roadway and multimodal safety improvements at high-risk corridors and intersections across Wyandotte County to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes and improve safety for all roadway users. The entity is requesting \$3.7 million and is contributing a local match of \$197,227. The request has the potential to unlock \$15.7 million of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$19.7 million. ([Attachment 14](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

14. #2025-198-NoEDD is from the City of Rossville to implement Safe Routes to School improvements, including sidewalk, crossing, and pedestrian safety enhancements, to improve walking and biking safety for students and residents in Rossville. The entity is requesting \$393,332 and is contributing a local match of \$20,702. The request has the potential to unlock \$1.6 million of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$2.0 million. ([Attachment 15](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

15. #2026-199-SEKRPC is from the City of Coffeyville to implement downtown intersection and crosswalk improvements to enhance pedestrian safety, improve accessibility, and reduce conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians in Coffeyville's downtown corridor. The entity is requesting \$203,476 and is contributing a local match of \$117,803. The request has the potential to unlock \$749,650 of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$1.0 million. ([Attachment 16](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

16. #2026-204-SCKEDD is from City of El Dorado to implement multimodal safety improvements along the Main Street corridor to reduce crashes, improve pedestrian accessibility, and enhance safety and mobility within downtown El Dorado. The entity is requesting \$1.8 million and is contributing a local match of \$99,173. The request has the potential to unlock \$7.9 million of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$9.9 million. ([Attachment 17](#))

Senator Fagg abstained due to a conflict of interest. There was consensus to approve this application.

17. #2026-205-MARC is from the City of Mission to implement targeted safety improvements identified in the city's recently adopted Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries. The entity requested \$190,714 and is contributing a local match of \$10,039. The request has the potential to unlock \$803,010 of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$1.0 million. ([Attachment 18](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

18. #2026-183-NWKPDC is from the City of Russell to construct a critical 12-inch pipeline from Hays to Russell and complete the system's redundancy. The entity is requesting \$1.7 million and is contributing a local cash match of \$100,000 and \$1.0 million in additional project contributions. The request has the potential to unlock \$5.5 million of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$8.4 million. ([Attachment 19](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

19. #2026-189-NWKRPC is from the Wilroads Gardens Improvement District to replace failing lift stations and pumps to reduce the risk of wastewater system failure and improve resilience during extreme weather events. The entity is requesting \$213,750 and is contributing a local match of \$11,250. The request has the potential to unlock \$675,000 of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$900,000. ([Attachment 20](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

20. #2026-213-NoEDD is from the Osage County Economic Development to replace six structurally deficient rural bridges to improve safety, restore full load capacity, and strengthen transportation connectivity across Osage and Franklin Counties. The entity is requesting \$3.4 million and is contributing a local match of \$180,700. The request has the potential to unlock \$14.4 million of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$18.0 million. ([Attachment 21](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

FY 2027 Operating Expenditures Request from Build Kansas Matching Grant Fund

Shawn Wesner informed the Committee of the Kansas Infrastructure Hub's estimated FY 2027 operational budget in the amount of \$4.9 million. ([Attachment 22](#))

Committee Discussion, Advice, and Recommendations

The Committee discussed the AIG matching grant percentages and local contribution percentages.

The Committee discussed commercial air traffic, changes in essential air service across the nation, and the importance infrastructure projects have on economic growth and attracting new businesses.

The Committee appreciated applications with area maps and crash totals included.

The Committee discussed the application to Hays' R9 Ranch water pipeline project awaiting federal award notification. A concern was raised when Hays' BRIC project was approved by the Build Kansas Advisory Committee because only the portion from the R9 Ranch to Hays and the portion from Hays to Russell was not included, despite both towns having ownership of the R9 Ranch. Ms. Wesner informed the Committee the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) told both Hays and Russell to submit their applications separately. EPA did not want both towns together. The Committee recommended Ms. Wesner speak with someone to explain the narrative around the Hays and Russell separate applications, and provide the update at the next Committee meeting. Ms. Wesner explained that due to the BRIC program being shut down for a brief time and reopened, the Hays application and the Russell application will be reviewed at the same time. They also discussed looking at other funding opportunities for water projects, in general, and if one or both R9 Ranch water pipeline projects do not get awarded.

The Committee discussed project scopes and impacts to the populations served.

The Committee also discussed the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) closing, reopening after the first quarter of 2026, and the impact of it had on the applications that were presumptive approved through the first quarter of 2026. The Committee stipulated the approved funds for BIP projects after the first quarter of 2026 were to be released back into the Build Kansas Fund so other projects could be approved for grants open and available. The BIP applications were returned to the applicants for them to reapply for Build Kansas Funds should the federal government reopen the BIP.

Approval of December 17, 2025, and May 6, 2026, Minutes

Senator Fagg moved, Representative Francis seconded, to adopt the minutes from December 17, 2025, and May 6, 2026. The motion carried.

Adjourn

Chairperson Waymaster adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

Prepared by Susan McClacherty
Edited by Walter Nelson

Approved by the Committee on:

(Date)

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