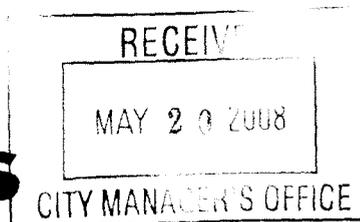


CITY/COUNTY AGENDA

The City/County meeting will be held Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the Riley County Board of County Commissioners Chambers, Courthouse Plaza East Building, 115 N. 4th Street. The following topics will be discussed:

1. Airport Area Flooding – County
2. Future Transportation Funding – City



May 16, 2008

Dear Transportation Partners:

Over the last 20 years, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has allocated almost \$240 million in state funds for local transportation programs, such as the KLINK Resurfacing, the Geometric Improvement and the Economic Development Programs. We recognize these are important programs to communities throughout the state, with more than 400 projects having been funded since 1986 for improvements such as resurfacing, widening for additional lanes, and intersection improvements.

However, as I look forward, there are many uncertainties regarding transportation funding. The Comprehensive Transportation Program (CTP) ends in 2009 and the current federal transportation spending bill also expires in 2009. Because of funding uncertainties, KDOT is not able to responsibly fund these programs at the same level as we have in the past. Therefore, the following changes are being made to the local transportation programs:

- KDOT is accepting applications for **KLINK Resurfacing projects** for fiscal year 2011. We will continue to fund these resurfacing projects because they are important to preserving the State's existing infrastructure. As we move beyond the CTP, KDOT's focus will be on preserving the State's existing system and there will be few funds available for improving our transportation system.
- In terms of **Economic Development and Geometric Improvement Projects**, KDOT is not seeking applications for new projects at this time. Given the popularity and importance of these programs, it is likely that communities will have the opportunity to apply for these kinds of improvement projects when some future transportation funding program is approved by the legislature. I should point out, however, that based on discussions through the long range transportation planning process, it is likely that a future Economic Development program will be reconfigured to offer communities an opportunity to fund highway and other transportation improvement projects (e.g., a rail spur) and for the program to be more responsive to immediate economic development needs. I believe it is important to continue to move forward with projects that have already been approved, so funding for active projects is not currently in jeopardy – though it is important to be mindful of escalating costs.

KDOT is entering a period of transition as the CTP ends. It's important for KDOT and communities to continue to communicate as programs, funding levels and transportation issues evolve in the coming months. I encourage you to contact Melinda Desch at (785) 296-3526 in KDOT's Bureau of Program and Project Management if you have any questions regarding this letter or if you need help completing the attached application for the KLINK Resurfacing program.

Sincerely,


Deb Miller
Secretary of Transportation

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June 6, 2008

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The Honorable Roger Reitz
Kansas State Senator
1332 Sharingbrook
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The Honorable Tom Hawk
Kansas State Representative
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Dear Honorable Members of the Manhattan State Legislative Delegation:

The City of Manhattan recently received a letter from the Kansas Department of Transportation regarding the future of local transportation programs. KDOT is no longer seeking applications for Economic Development and Geometric Improvement Projects. Future funding is uncertain as both the Comprehensive Transportation Program (CTP) and the current federal transportation spending bill expire in 2009.

This information poses great concern to Manhattan because of our previous reliance on these programs. In 2007, the City received an Economic Development grant for \$371,500 to improve the intersection of Wildcat Creek and K-18. The City has received nearly \$2.4 million in Geometric Improvement grants for six projects since 1999. These funds have helped make improvements to some of Manhattan's most important arterial roads, including Anderson Avenue, Seth Child Road (K-113), and US-24.

To ensure that cities remain able to improve traffic flow and safety, the legislature needs to implement and fund a new statewide comprehensive transportation program. High-growth communities like Manhattan require state support to meet our transportation infrastructure needs. Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Hatesohl
Mayor

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