

## **TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMMING PROCESS IN KANSAS**

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### **BACKGROUND ON KANSAS**

- Population - 2,477,574 (32nd in the United States)
  - Urbanized - 1,018,604
  - Rural and Small Urban - 1,458,970
- Land Area - 81,823 Sq. miles (13th)
- Public Roads - 133,276 miles (4th)
- State Highway System - 9,602 miles
- Rail Miles - 6,821 miles (4th)

### **DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES WITH PARTNERS**

- Negotiated agreement on apportionment splits with:
  - Counties—KDOT
  - Cities—MPO
- Proportional distribution of obligation authority
- Each partner is responsible for project selection
- Selected projects included in STIP

### **DESCRIPTION OF CITY/COUNTY PROCESS**

- Counties receive a formula-based share
- Cities
  - 200,000+ suballocated funds
  - 50,000-200,000 based on population
  - 15,000-50,000 managed as a pool
  - 5,000-15,000 managed as pool

### **DESCRIPTION OF MPO PROCESS**

- TIP Selection Committee
  - Public Works
  - Planners
  - Engineers
- Select projects 3 to 5 years in advance
- Develop TIP
- Submit TIP to the State

### **STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM CATEGORIES**

- Substantial Maintenance
  - Non-interstate resurfacing
  - Contract maintenance

- Interstate resurfacing
- K-LINK resurfacing
- Safety projects
- Emergency repair
- Bridge repair
- Culvert repair
- Bridge painting
- Signing overlay
- Pavement marking
- Major Modification
  - Interstate:
    - Roadway
    - Associated bridges
  - Non-interstate:
    - Roadway
    - Associated bridges
  - Economic development
  - Geometric improvement
  - Railroad/highway crossing
  - Railroad grade separations
  - Hazard elimination (HES)
  - Guard fence upgrades
- Priority Bridge
  - Bridge replacement/rehabilitation
  - Bridge deck replacement
  - Culvert-bridge

### **CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM DETERMINATION**

- Road/Bridge data collected throughout year.
- Priority formulas.
- Project scopes.
- Project cost estimates.
- Determine available funding.
- Select projects.
- Program Review Committee.

### **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

- Public comment on process.
- Long-range Transportation Plan.
- Published program document.
- Public involvement forums.
- Project specific information meetings and hearings.
- Legislative oversight.
- "Selection Process" feedback.

**PROGRAMMING IN KANSAS PRO SIDE**

- Insulates project selection from politics.
- Credibility
  - Deliver what we promise
- Reflects needs — not “squeaky wheel” syndrome

**PROGRAMMING IN KANSAS CON SIDE**

- Limits “outside the box” thinking.
- Difficult for public to comment on process.
- Role of public involvement.