



DISTRICT 5 - SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

2021 Local Consult Meetings Summary

Local Consult is the public engagement process for KDOT's 10-year Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE). The process takes place every two years to gather input on a list of potential highway modernization and expansion projects for each geographic region throughout the state. The input Kansans provide helps KDOT determine which projects will move forward into the IKE development pipeline for further engineering and analysis. It's also an opportunity to strengthen local partnerships, better understand which KDOT programs matter most to communities, and get feedback on how delivery can be improved.

KDOT engaged with more than 305 participants during the Local Consult meetings for the south central region. For 2021, the Local Consult meetings looked different from years past. Out of an abundance of caution and to comply with state guidance related to COVID-19, meetings were held virtually, with two ways to participate:

1. **Zoom meetings** were hosted for all six districts, plus two in the urban areas of Wichita and Kansas City.
2. **On-demand webpages** were also created and allowed participants the option to review meeting information and provide input on their own schedule.

WHAT WE HEARD IN DISTRICT 5: SOUTH CENTRAL

Expansion Projects: Participants in the south central Kansas Local Consult meeting noted several highway expansion priorities of importance for their region. The first phase of the Winfield Bypass on US-77 in Cowley County was discussed to better connect the growing residential developments on the west side of Winfield and to divert industrial traffic. Another project important to address freight traffic in the area was US-77 in Cowley County, the Southwest Bypass at Arkansas City. Two other four-lane expressway bypass projects in Kingman and Pratt counties were noted as regional priorities to address truck traffic congestion and safety concerns on US-54. Both projects were highlighted for improving economic development opportunities and regional connections to Wichita (Pratt County) and the meat industry in western Kansas (Kingman County).

DISTRICT 5 PARTICIPATION BY THE NUMBERS

Two Local Consult meetings were held within the south central region.



140+ SOUTH CENTRAL PARTICIPANTS

JOINED THE LIVE ZOOM MEETING
AND/OR PROVIDED INPUT
ON DEMAND ONLINE



165+ WICHITA METRO PARTICIPANTS

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Modernization Projects: South central Kansas participants noted regional projects where adding shoulders would make a difference in addressing safety concerns, including truck traffic and access to attractions and services, such as US-56 in Rice County from Lyons east to the McPherson County Line, and on US-81 in Sumner County, from US-177 north to Wellington.

WHAT WE HEARD IN DISTRICT 5: WICHITA

Expansion Projects: Participants in the Wichita metro meeting identified the continued expansion of US-54/400 east toward Andover as a top priority for the area to relieve congestion attributed to recent expansion of the route through east Wichita. The growing connections on the west side of Wichita were also cited as areas with increased freight traffic. Investing in grade-separated interchanges along US-254 was identified as an opportunity to better accommodate growth in freight traffic with new distribution opportunities, and the Heartland Flyer passenger rail project continues to be of interest to both the Wichita area and the south central Kansas region.

Modernization Projects: Wichita metro area participants identified the interchange at I-235 and Zoo Boulevard as a top priority for modernization, with an aging bridge and the need for improvements, such as acceleration lanes. Two interchange projects in Newton, US-50/Meridian Street and I-135/US-50 (north interchange), were also listed as regional priorities to adapt to and encourage development in Harvey County.

WE ALSO HEARD: Participants in the Wichita metro meeting noted interest in a non-KDOT system project and strongly encouraged more development in active transportation and public transit projects.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION PROJECT SCORING

Project lists discussed during the south central regional meetings are displayed on the following pages. The lists reflect the top high- and medium-priority projects identified during breakout group discussions. Note that in District 5, expansion projects are presented separately by urban and rural locations, as they are scored using different criteria to best provide parity.

DISTRICT 5 PARTICIPANT QUOTES

“What impressed me the most about the Local Consult process is that **residents are given a voice** to prioritize potential expansion and modernization projects in their region. My humble opinion is **a lot is being done and planned.**”

**-ON-DEMAND
SOUTH CENTRAL
PARTICIPANT**

“The I-135/US-50 north interchange reconstruction in Newton is needed with **two of Harvey County’s largest industries located in Hesston**. Currently this interchange **decreases efficiency and adds time and cost to shipping.**”

**-WICHITA METRO
PARTICIPANT**

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION PROJECT SCORING: URBAN EXPANSION

Results of South Central Kansas breakout discussions identifying high- and medium-priority urban expansion projects for the region:

URBAN EXPANSION



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	731	I-135 Sedgwick County: I-135/US-54 Interchange†	Interchange	NA	\$14	30	9
	732	K-254 Sedgwick County: Northwest Wichita Bypass: US-54/ 174th St. W to K-96 near 45th St	4-Lane Freeway, bypass	11	\$791 ^v	30	11
	713	US-54 Sedgwick County: Northwest Wichita Bypass: US-54/268th St. W. (West of Goddard), East to near US-54/174th St. W.	4-Lane Freeway, bypass	7	\$220 ^v	7	21
	719	K-254 Sedgwick County: K-254/Webb Interchange	Interchange	NA	\$30 ^v	29	7
	723	US-54 Sedgwick County: Kellogg Ave: 111th St W to 151st St W†	6-lane freeway	3	\$120	14	23
	727	US-54 Sedgwick County: Kellogg Ave: K-96 interchange East to ½ mile East of 159th St (Phase 1)	6-lane freeway	2	\$166 ^v	21	15
	728	US-54 Sedgwick County: Kellogg Ave: ½ mile East of 159th St East to Prairie Creek Rd (Phase 2)	6-lane freeway	3	\$122 ^v	20	24
		Heartland Flyer Extension: Extension to Amtrak's Heartland Flyer route that would connect Newton and Oklahoma City.†	Passenger Rail Service		To be scored following the Service Development Plan update		

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SOUTH CENTRAL REGION PROJECT SCORING: RURAL EXPANSION

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RURAL EXPANSION



Map ID	Project Description	Scope	Miles	FY-25 Cost \$M	Engineer Score (50 pts)	Economic Score (25 pts)
512	K-15 Cowley/Sumner: Udall to Mulvane	Passing Lanes	8	\$7	40	25
556	K-254 Butler County: K-254/Ohio St. Interchange†	Interchange	NA	\$20	30	10
517	US-50 Reno County: Yoder/Airport Road (Hutchinson) to the Harvey/Reno County Line†	4-lane expressway	9	\$45	12	9
533	US-54 Kingman County: 1 mile West of the West K-11/US-54 Jct, East to the existing 4-lane East of Kingman	4-lane Freeway, Bypass	10	\$159	41	11
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594	US-56 Pawnee/Butler County: Larned to Great Bend†	Passing Lanes	20	\$13	34	23
528	US-77 Cowley County: Winfield to K-15	Passing Lanes	10	\$20	26	18
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530	US-77 Cowley County: Winfield Bypass (West) Phase 1 to US-160	4-lane Freeway, Bypass	8	\$93 ^v	40	24
518	US-400 Butler County: East junction US-77 to Leon	4-lane expressway	3	\$30	50	8
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US-50 Harvey County: Newton to the Harvey-Marion County			4-lane expressway			
US-50 Harvey County: Reno-Harvey County Line to Halstead			4-lane expressway			
US-50 Harvey County: Just east of Burrton			Extend existing PLs east			
US-77 Cowley County: US-77 & 222nd Rd, north of Arkansas City			New interchange			
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722	I-235 Sedgwick County: I-235/Zoo Boulevard Interchange†	Interchange Improvements	NA	\$16	34
546	K-49 Sumner County: US-160 to Conway Springs†	Reconstruct; add shoulders	8	\$32	19
597	K-61 Pratt/Reno County: Pratt to Langdon†	Construct Shoulders	26	\$26	33
559	K-156 Pawnee County: US-183 to Larned	Construct Shoulders	11	\$27	49
562	K-156 Pawnee County: Hodgeman County Line to US-183	Reconstruct; add shoulders	14	\$35	41
554	US-50 Harvey County: US-50/Meridian St. Interchange in Newton	Interchange Improvements	NA	\$27	30
596	US-56 Edwards/Pawnee County: Kinsley to Larned†	Construct Shoulders	24	\$24	46
547	US-56 Rice County: Lyons to McPherson County Line†	Construct Shoulders	15	\$14	76
549	US-81 Sumner County: US-177 North to Wellington†	Construct Shoulders	14	\$14	57
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