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April 22, 2021

The Honorable Ron Estes  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2411 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Sedgwick County - Member Designated Project Requests  
Ninnescah River Bridge on 151<sup>st</sup> St. West

Dear Representative Estes,

We are excited to have the opportunity to present this infrastructure project for consideration for funding as a member designated project. We need to make significant investments in the road and bridge systems in our community and programs currently under consideration in Congress would be a great help.

The Ninnescah River Bridge on 151<sup>st</sup> St. West is located just south of Clearwater. This 600 foot long bridge is in poor condition. The nearest river crossing to the west is 7 miles away. The nearest paved river crossing to the east is 5 miles away. The bridge supports agriculture in the area (including northwest Sumner County) and the Plains Cotton Cooperative Growers Association warehouse site under construction in Clearwater. The project construction estimate is \$4,500,000. Sedgwick County requests funding up to \$3,600,000.

Sedgwick County fully supports this project. It is in the current TIP and construction plans and right of way acquisition for this project are complete. It is shovel ready. It is listed for construction in our 5-Year Capital Improvement Program and Sedgwick County will be able to provide the required local match and obligate the project within the time period set forth in federal aid highway requirements.

If you need additional information or clarifications, please contact Jim Weber, Director of Public Works. His email is [jim.weber@sedgwick.gov](mailto:jim.weber@sedgwick.gov) and his phone number is (316) 660-1773.

Sincerely,

Peter F. Meitzner  
Commissioner – First District

**House Surface Transportation Authorization  
Member Designated Projects Submission Form**  
*Aim to Complete by April 1*

**1) Name of the project**

ANSWER: Bridge Replacement on 151<sup>st</sup> St West over the Ninnescah River (B485)

**2) Location of project**

ANSWER: The project is located immediately south of Clearwater, KS on 151<sup>st</sup> St West one mile north of 119<sup>th</sup> St South over the Ninnescah River in unincorporated Sedgwick County, KS.

**3) Project sponsor**

ANSWER: Sedgwick County, KS

**4) Sponsor Point of Contact**

ANSWER: James Weber, P.E., Director of Public Works/County Engineer

**5) Project description, including a description of the benefits of the project. In addition, please include a link to additional project information, if available. (Max 1000 characters)**

ANSWER: This project will replace an existing 7-span steel girder bridge with a length of 621 ft. The proposed replacement 6-span structure is slightly longer and wider. It will carry two-lanes of traffic with a 36 ft. wide roadway to increase safety with a sufficient shoulder area.

The existing bridge is structurally deficient with a sufficiency rating of 44.0 and an overall bridge condition rating of poor. It is now recommended for 12 month inspections because of the continued deterioration of the pin and hanger system on the existing bridge. It has no shoulder area with its 26 ft, roadway width

A new bridge structure is necessary to maintain this important route. It is only one of two bridges on paved routes over the Ninnescah River in the 32 mile stretch between K-49 and I-35. The route connects the city of Clearwater with rural residents in both Sedgwick and Sumner County. This route also serves over 50 large trucks per day on average hauling goods and materials for commerce and agriculture in this region.

**6) Amount requested**

- a. Note that the requested amount may not exceed the federal share allowable under highway and transit programs, which is typically 80 percent of the project cost.

ANSWER: \$3,600,000

**7) Total project cost**

ANSWER: \$4,500,000

- 8) Sources of funding for the non-Member designated share of the cost of the project**
- a. Note that if the requested amount plus the non-federal match does not fully make up the total project cost, the Committee is requiring that projects have funds identified for the project outside of the requested amount. Additional amounts may come from federal funding, such as FHWA formula funding, provided that the total amount of federal funding does not exceed the allowable federal cost share.

ANSWER: Sedgwick County Local Sales Tax and General Obligation bonds: \$900,000

- 9) Project Phase – pick all that apply
- a. Planning and Environmental Review
  - b. Final Design
  - c. Right of Way
  - d. Capital purchase or lease (including bus purchases)
  - e. Construction
  - f. Other (max 30 characters)

ANSWER: Construction

- 10) NEPA category of action**
- a. Categorical exclusion
  - b. Environmental assessment
  - c. Environmental impact statement
  - d. Undetermined

ANSWER: Categorical exclusion

- 11) Status of environmental review**
- a. Pre-review
  - b. Categorically excluded
  - c. Notice of intent published
  - d. FONSI issued
  - e. Draft EIS published
  - f. Final EIS published
  - g. ROD issued
  - h. Other (max 30 characters)

ANSWER: Categorically excluded

- 12) A description of the process that will be followed to provide an opportunity for public comment on the project (max 1,000 characters)**

ANSWER: This project has been included in the Sedgwick County Capital Improvement Program since 2014. The CIP is updated yearly and is presented for public engagement each summer. At this time, the project has had eight (8) separate opportunities for public comment and one additional opportunity will present itself this summer with the public engagement planned of the proposed 2022-2026 CIP.

- 13) Has the project received federal funding in the past (yes/no)**

ANSWER: No

**14) Has the project applied for U.S. DOT discretionary grants in the past (yes/no)**

- a. If so, please list which discretionary grant program and attach the project application.

ANSWER: No

**15) Attach letter(s) of support from the state, local government, or non-federal sponsor**

**16) Is the project on the state, Tribal, or territorial transportation improvement program (yes/no)**

- a. If so, please provide a link to the applicable document(s) and include the project ID number listed on the STIP.

ANSWER: Yes. WAMPO Tip ID: 40-564

[WAMPO TIP Project Tracker](#)

**17) Is the project on the metropolitan transportation improvement program, if applicable (yes/no)**

- a. If so, please provide a link to the applicable document(s) and include the project ID number listed on the TIP.  
b. If the project is in a non-metropolitan area, please note that the question is not applicable

ANSWER: Yes. WAMPO Tip ID: 40-564

[Reimagined Move 2040 Regional Project List](#)

**18) If funding is provided for this project, can it be added to the STIP/TIP in a reasonable timeframe (yes/no)**

- a. If the answer is yes, the Committee requests a letter from the agency indicating this is the case.

ANSWER: Yes

**19) Documentation from relevant federal agency that the project is eligible for funding under title 23 (Highways) or chapter 53 of title 49 (Public Transit) if the project is not on a STIP or TIP. KDOT [Sedgwick County Functional Classification Map:**

<http://www.ksdot.org/Assets/wwwksdotorg/bureaus/burTransPlan/maps/FunclassMaps/Counties/Sedgwick.pdf> ]

**20) If the project is not included on the STIP/TIP, is the project on a regional or statewide long-range transportation plan (yes/no)**

ANSWER: Listed on the STIP/TIP.



April 13, 2021

Mr. Lynn Packer, Deputy Director  
Sedgwick County Public Works  
1144 South Seneca St.  
Wichita, Kansas 67213

RE: "B485: Bridge on 151st St West over Ninnescah River" TIP Amendment

Mr. Packer,

On behalf of the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO), this letter is to support the project "B485: Bridge on 151st St West over Ninnescah River." This project is identified in WAMPO's long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and in its short-range Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

This letter serves as notice that the referenced project can have federal funding added to it in the TIP in a reasonable timeframe, should such funding be provided. We open the TIP to amendments on a quarterly basis; the amendment schedule is posted at <https://www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program>. Soon after approval by the WAMPO Transportation Policy Body (TPB), the TIP Amendment is sent to the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) to be incorporated into the next Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment, which is then sent to the U.S. Department of Transportation for final approval.

In addition to the scheduled quarterly amendments, WAMPO provides opportunities for unscheduled amendments when the need arises. Should this project be awarded federal funding, WAMPO would be glad to carry out an unscheduled amendment process to ensure that funding is added to the project in the TIP expeditiously.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chad Parasa', is written over a horizontal line.

Chad Parasa, PE, PTOE  
Director  
Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization



# HIGHWAY MAP of SEDGWICK COUNTY KANSAS

Sedgwick County Public Works  
1144 S. Seneca  
Wichita, Kansas 67213  
(316) 660-1777  
www.sedgwickcounty.org

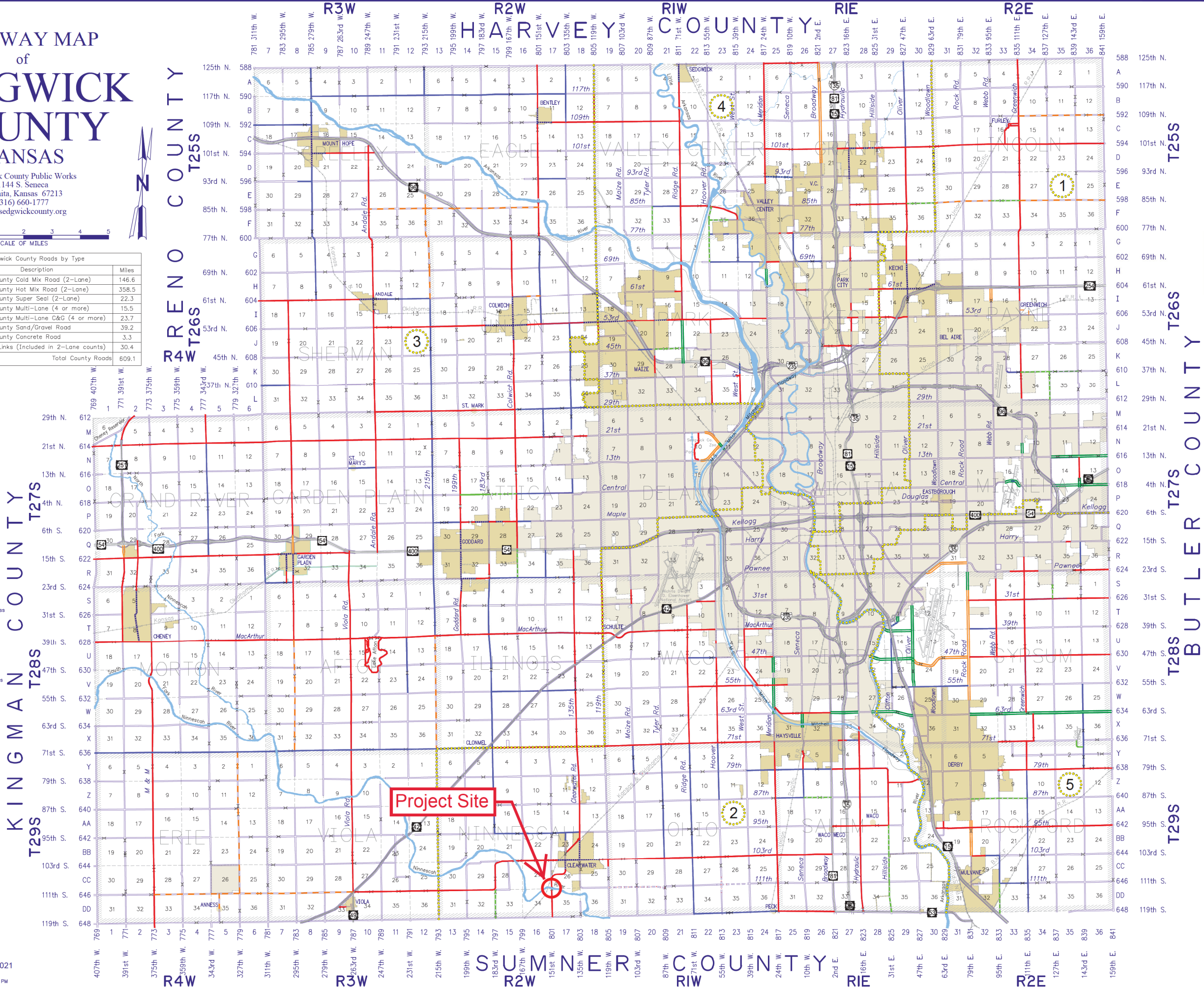


Legend	Description	Miles
	Sedgwick County Cold Mix Road (2-Lane)	146.6
	Sedgwick County Hot Mix Road (2-Lane)	358.5
	Sedgwick County Super Seal (2-Lane)	22.3
	Sedgwick County Multi-Lane (4 or more)	15.5
	Sedgwick County Multi-Lane C&G (4 or more)	23.7
	Sedgwick County Sand/Gravel Road	39.2
	Sedgwick County Concrete Road	3.3
	Connecting Links (Included in 2-Lane counts)	30.4
Total County Roads		609.1

Road count updated 2-1-2019

**MAP LEGEND**

- Federal or State Highway (Multi-Lane)
- Federal or State Highway (2 Lane)
- County Highway (Paved) (Multi-Lane)
- County Highway (Paved) (Cold/Hot/Super) (2 Lane)
- County Maintained Sand Road
- Connecting Link
- Township/Other Road
- Unimproved/Limited Access
- Section Line (No Road)
- Township Line
- City Limits—Other towns
- City Limits—Wichita
- Railroad
- Lakes & Ponds
- Rivers & Drainage Courses
- Commissioner Boundaries





Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-1604

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for a bridge replacement on 151st Street West over the Ninnescah River in the surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor is Sedgwick County, Kansas and the project is located immediately south of Clearwater, Kansas on 151st Street West, one mile north of 119th Street South over the Ninnescah River in unincorporated Sedgwick County, Kansas (zip code 67026).

The funding is designated for replacing an existing 7-span steel girder bridge with a length of 621 ft. The proposed replacement 6-span structure is slightly longer and wider. It will carry two-lanes of traffic with a 36 ft. wide roadway to increase safety with a sufficient shoulder area.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: The existing bridge is structurally deficient with a sufficiency rating of 44.0 and an overall bridge condition rating of poor. It is now recommended for 12-month inspections because of the continued deterioration of the pin and hanger system on the existing bridge. It has no shoulder area with its 26 ft. roadway width. A new bridge structure is necessary to maintain this important route. It is only one of two bridges on paved routes over the Ninnescah River in the 32 mile stretch between K-49 and I-35. The route connects the city of Clearwater with rural residents in both Sedgwick and Sumner County. This route also serves over 50 large trucks per day on average hauling goods and materials for commerce and agriculture in this region.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Ron Estes

Member of Congress

Date: April 23, 2021