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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
151st St. West between 53rd St. North and K-96

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.

151st St. West between 53rd St. North and K-96 run just east of Colwich. This 3-mile stretch of cold mix asphalt has deteriorated rapidly due to agricultural traffic delivering feedstock to the Element ethanol facility at Colwich. The project would reconstruct the road to a two-lane industrial standard. The project construction estimate is $4,000,000. Sedgwick County requests funding up to $3,200,000.

Sedgwick County fully supports this project. Design is already in progress. The project is listed for construction in our 5-Year Capital Improvement Program and Sedgwick County will be able to complete the plans, acquire the right of way, 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 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: Reconstruction of 151st St West between 53rd St North and Highway K-96 (R356)

2) **Location of project**
   ANSWER: The project is located immediately northeast of Colwich, KS on 151st St West between 53rd St North and K-96 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 cold mix asphalt road (151st St W) with a two-lane industrial standard paved roadway with appropriate shoulders and improved roadside drainage ditches. The road subgrade and base will be designed for the additional truck traffic that is anticipated with the recent expansion of the ICM ethanol plant in Colwich, KS. The right-of-way will be widened to accommodate the proposed improvements and allow sufficient access for public utilities.

   The existing roadway is 24 feet in width and only has 1-2 feet of gravel shoulders. The drainage ditches do not drain well and the road itself is in need of reconstruction. It was constructed as a temporary paved road over 20 years ago, but has exceeded its useful life due to a weak subgrade. County forces patch several sections of this 3-mile section of roadway every year and will not be able to keep up with maintenance work once it becomes a main trucking access route to and from the ICM ethanol plant.

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: $3,200,000

7) **Total project cost**
   ANSWER: $4,000,000

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: $800,000

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 2020. The CIP is updated yearly and is presented for public engagement each summer. At this time, the project has had two (2) separate opportunities for public comment and one additional opportunity will present itself this summer with the public involvement planned for 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: No

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: No.

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: No

April 13, 2021

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

RE: "R356: Reconstruct 151st St W between 53rd St N and K-96"

Mr. Packer,

On behalf of the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO), this letter is to support the project "R356: Reconstruct 151st St W between 53rd St N and K-96." This project is not currently identified either in WAMPO's long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) or in its short-range Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

This letter serves as notice that the referenced project can be added to both the MTP and the TIP in a reasonable timeframe, should it be provided federal funding. MTP amendment processes are opened on an as-needed basis. However, 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 TIP 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 unscheduled MTP and TIP amendment processes to ensure that funding is added to the project in both planning documents expeditiously.

Sincerely,

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

HIGHWAY MAP
of
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KANSAS

Sedgwick County Public Works
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Wichita, Kansas 67213
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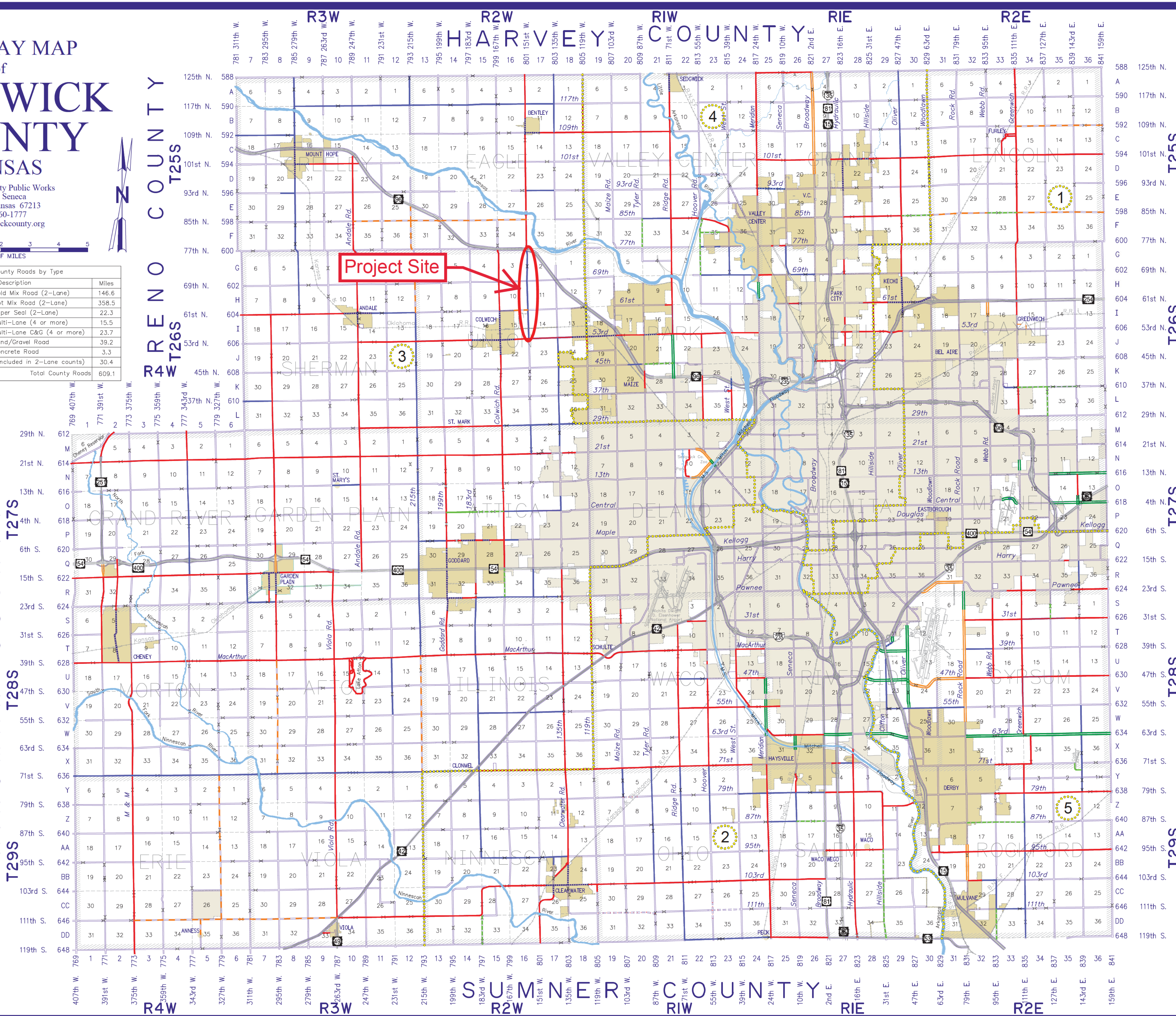
SCALE OF MILES

Legend	Description	Miles
	Sedgwick County Roads by Type	
	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) (C&G) (Ditch)
- County Highway (Paved) (2 Lane) (Cold)(Hot)(Super)
- 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

City Limits updated as of02-11-2021

Updated: 3/8/2021 Plotted: 4/12/2021 7:12 PM