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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
135th St. West for a Half Mile North of 53rd St. North

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.

135th St. West for a Half Mile North of 53rd St. North, west of Maize is located near the City of Maize. The City of Maize's industrial park has been wildly successful at attracting new business to Sedgwick County. 135th St. runs on the western edge of the expected expansion of the industrial park. The gravel township road cannot support the development. The project would build approximately a half mile of industrial standard two-lane pavement and auxiliary turn lanes on 53rd St. North to serve the industrial park. The project construction estimate is $1,100,000. Sedgwick County requests funding up to $880,000. and is prepared to provide the 20% local match. Project is in the TIP.

Sedgwick County fully supports this project. The construction plans and right of way acquisition are 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 the south Half Mile of 135th Street West between 53rd and 61st Streets North (R348)

2) **Location of project**
   ANSWER: The project is located immediately west of Maize, KS on 135th St West at 53rd St North 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 rural gravel road (135th St W) with a two-lane industrial standard paved roadway with appropriate shoulders and improved roadside drainage ditches. Additionally, turn lanes will be constructed along 53rd St N. The road subgrade and base will be designed for the additional truck traffic that is anticipated with the expansion of the adjacent Maize Industrial Park. The right-of-way will be widened to accommodate the proposed improvements and allow sufficient access for public utilities.

   The existing gravel roadway varies in width from 24-26 feet and has little to no shoulders. The drainage ditches do not drain well and the road itself is subject to periodic flooding that makes access difficult to 53rd St N, a main paved access route to the city of Maize, KS.

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: $880,000

7) **Total project cost**
   ANSWER: $1,100,000

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: $220,000

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 is in the current Metropolitan Transportation Plan and, as such, was already presented to the public in 2020. Additionally, this project has been listed in Sedgwick County's Capital Improvement Program since 2019. The CIP is updated yearly and is presented for public engagement each summer. At this time, the project has had four (4) separate opportunities for public comment and one additional opportunity will present itself this summer with the public engagement 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: Yes. WAMPO Tip ID: 40-569
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: 40-569.
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: Included in STIP/TIP.

April 13, 2021

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

RE: “R348: Pave 135th St. W. North of 53rd St. N. (Half mile)” TIP Amendment

Mr. Packer,

On behalf of the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO), this letter is to support the project “R348: Pave 135th St. W. North of 53rd St. N. (Half mile).” 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,

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

HIGHWAY MAP of SEDGWICK COUNTY KANSAS

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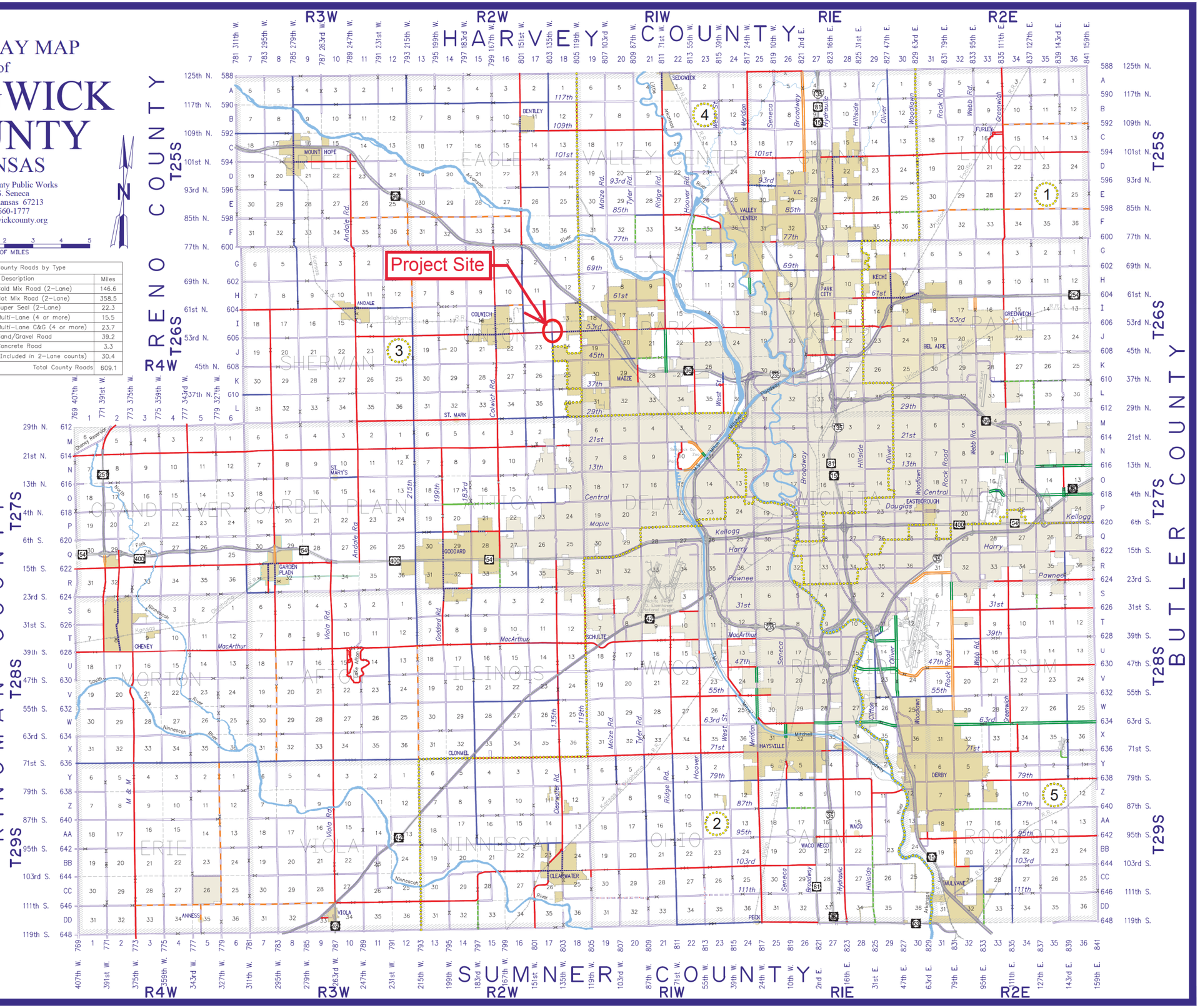
SCALE OF MILES

Sedgwick County Roads by Type		
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)
- (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
- or City Limits-Wichita
- Railroad
- Lakes & Ponds
- Rivers & Drainage Courses
- Commissioner Boundaries



City Limits updated as of02-11-2021

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