KDOT Public Transportation Funding

Public transportation in Kansas is supported by a mixture of state and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding programs. KDOT receives \$11 million annually from the State Highway Fund and received \$22.8 million from FTA to administer programs in Fiscal Year 2022. These funds help provide essential transportation services in all areas of the state to expand, improve and enhance public transportation options. Without these programs, many citizens would have no access to reliable transportation.

Kansas Services by the Numbers

- 6 urban transit providers
- 80 rural transit providers
- 59 specialized services for seniors and individuals with disabilities
- 800 (approx.) vehicles in KDOT 's inventory

FTA Section 5311: Formula Grants for Rural Areas (Less than 50,000 population) - The 5311 program provides funding assistance for capital, planning and operating assistance to states to support public transportation (including general and intercity public transportation) in rural areas with populations of less than 50,000.

- Examples of Funded Activities Demand Response and Fixed Route services, and Regional Connections.
- Current Intercity Bus Routes Wichita to Salina and Joplin, Kansas City to Salina and Tulsa, OK, and Newton to Oklahoma City, OK.

FTA Section 5310: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and individuals with Disabilities - The 5310 program provides funding assistance for elderly and disabled transportation services.

Examples of Funded Activities - Senior Centers, Disability Support, and Agencies on Aging.

State Funding - KDOT administers state funding that has been legislatively allocated to support transit and paratransit services under the T-Works and IKE Programs. We anticipate expending these funds to assist with the impacts of inflation on agency budgets as statewide transit services have returned. We will also provide additional funding to transit agencies to reduce their local burden, enabling them to absorb increased costs in fuel and wages.

Urban Funding - Urban areas receive funding directly from FTA under the 5307 program. KDOT provides the urban areas with \$5.9 million in state funds annually,

Additional State-funded Programs

- Mobility Managers 5 Kansas mobility managers are a valuable resource for agencies, improving coordination and efficiency of services.
- Planning Studies Corridors, Regional Routes, and Intercity Bus Studies.
- Technology and Consultant Support Triennial Reviews, Drug and Alcohol program, and AIC program administration.

which is allocated by formula based on population, ridership, and miles. The urban areas each have their own decision-making bodies that determine how the funds are prioritized and expended.

Access, Innovation, and Collaboration (AIC) - Under this program, KDOT provides agencies with additional funding opportunities outside of the standard programs. AIC utilizes a mixture of federal and state funding for maximum flexibility. Projects in this program include enhancing bus and bus facility infrastructure, innovative technology investments, purchasing specialized vehicles, electric vehicles and charging infrastructure, pilot programs and feasibility studies, and collaboration efforts to close the gap between urban and rural systems.

Kansas Coordinated Transit Districts (CTD)

