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## NEWS RELEASE

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### City Wins Funding for Bikeways Master Plan Phase II

TOPEKA, Kan. – Phase II of the City of Topeka’s Bikeways Master Plan will be implemented with reimbursements from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). The City was notified on Tuesday (7/15) that its Transportation Enhancement (TE) application was selected for funding and will be included as part of the KDOT TE Program. The City was awarded \$223,075 to implement phase II of the bikeways plan, in addition to the \$1,400,000 KDOT awarded the City last June to implement phase I.

Phase II will result in 13 additional miles of sharrows, bike lanes, intersections, and side path construction. Phase II builds upon the work done in Phase I, increasing the overall connectedness of the network. All parts of the City will be served with the completion of phase II. The phase includes nine routes and two links, with total of 13.2 miles. Phases I and II account for 27-percent of the entire bikeways network as set forth in the plan.

“We are excited to continue moving forward with our Bikeways Master Plan, and excited to see more implementation on City streets,” multi-modal planner Julie Anderson said. “This will increase connections and give residents more transportation options. It also shows the support of KDOT in Topeka’s efforts to be more bike-friendly.”

The latest award from KDOT accounts for 80-percent of the total project cost for phase II. Private funding will be used to cover the remaining 20-percent.

Phase I is currently at KDOT for final design approval; it is set to be completed in 2015.

#### **Timeline**

Phase One: completed in 2015

Phase Two: 2015-2017

Phase Three: 2018-2020

Phase Four: 2021-2023

Phase Five: 2024-2026

For a Phasing Concept map, [click here](#). Specific phasing information, including routes can be found online in the [Topeka Bikeways Master Plan](#).

For more information on the City’s efforts to be more bicycle-friendly, current projects and bicycle safety tips, visit us online at <http://www.topeka.org/bikeways>.