I am pleased to convey the City’s proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) 2022-2031 for your approval as required by city and state law.

Section 2.65.130 of the Topeka Municipal Code states: “In accordance with K.S.A. 12-748(b) the Topeka planning commission shall review the city’s capital improvement program to ensure that it is consistent with the comprehensive metropolitan plan. The Topeka planning commission shall then submit its findings to the governing body as to whether such plans and programs or projects are consistent with the comprehensive metropolitan plan.”

KSA 12-748 further states that “no public improvement, public facility, or public utility of a type embraced within the recommendations of the comprehensive plan or portion thereof shall be constructed without first being submitted to and being approved by the planning commission. Whenever the planning commission has reviewed a capital improvement program and found that a specific public improvement, public facility or public utility of a type embraced within the recommendations of the comprehensive plan or portion thereof is in conformity with such plan, no further approval by the planning commission is necessary under this section.”

City staff has reviewed the CIP for new facilities that increase capacity of the city for physical growth and may impact policies of the City’s Land Use and Growth Management Plan (LUGMP) or other elements of the Comprehensive Plan. This does not include maintenance-type projects. The following findings were made:
New Projects

- SE Adams Street – SE 37th Street to SE 45th Street – Project involves the complete reconstruction of SE Adams between SE 37th and SE 45th. The proposed road will transition from a 2-lane rural section with open ditches to a 3-lane urban section with an enclosed storm drainage system. Tier 1 street project consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- S. Topeka Blvd. – 15th Street to 21st Street – County-wide sales tax project to replace this section of Topeka Blvd. between 15th Street and 21st Street. Tier 1 street project consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- SW 21st Street – SW Belle to SW Fairlawn – Project rehabs the stretch of SW 21st Street between SW Belle and SW Fairlawn Road. Work includes localized joint repair, localized panel replacements, curb work and traffic signal upgrades. Tier 1 street project consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Revised Projects

- Neighborhood Infrastructure – Stages of Resource Targeting (SORT) program that targets two neighborhoods per year. Central Park is the 2019 neighborhood. Funding is used to make targeted improvements to streets, curb/gutter, alley, sidewalks and other infrastructure. Funding for this item decreases from $1.7 million to $1.5 million in 2025. Consistent with the Neighborhood Element of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Downtown Street Improvement Projects – Project was formerly Kansas Avenue – SW 1st Street to SW 6th Street – Project continues the downtown S. Kansas Avenue Infrastructure and streetscape improvements. Funding for this project is shifted to beyond the 5-year CIP. Tier 1 street project consistent with the draft Downtown Master Plan.
- NW Tyler St, NW Beverly St to NW Paramore St – Project to improve/rebuild NW Tyler St. to complete street. Implements recommendations from the North Topeka West Neighborhood Plan. Project is predominately funded 2022.
- NW Tyler Street – NW Lyman Road to NW Beverly Street – Project to improve/rebuild NW Tyler Street to a complete street. Implements recommendations from the North Topeka West Neighborhood Plan. Project is primarily funded in 2026.
- Shunga Creek Flood Mitigation – This project is a cost share with the US Army Corps of Engineers (35% City/65% Federal) to design and construct drainage improvements along Shunganunga Creek. The proposed improvements include 1 mile of levee improvements from MacVicar to Buchanan and 1.5 miles of channel modifications from Buchanan to I-70. Project also includes funding to develop a long-term plan for projects to improve drainage along the Shunga. Tier 1 infrastructure improvements consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
Carry-Over Projects

- Infill Sidewalks/Pedestrian Master Plan – Repair and construct new sidewalks. Consistent with the Pedestrian Master Plan.
- Citywide Infrastructure – Provides for the construction of new infrastructure elements either as matching funds for grant projects or by providing funds for new elements for citywide sales tax projects. Tier 1 project consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- Sidewalk Repair Program – Project to repair existing deteriorated sidewalks at various locations throughout the city. The project provides matching funds to allow owners to repair sidewalks that are out of compliance with current codes. Consistent with the Pedestrian Master Plan.
- Polk-Quincy Project Support – The Polk-Quincy Kansas Department of Transportation project is tentatively scheduled to begin construction in 2025. This project provides funding to support expenses associated with right-of-way acquisition, construction/reconstruction of impacted existing streets, and pavement improvements to prepare local streets for anticipated detours during construction. The funding for this project is part of General Obligation Bonds – Special. Tier 1 street project consistent with the draft Downtown Master Plan.
- S. Topeka Blvd. from SW 29th Street to SW 37th Street – Project rehabs the stretch of SW Topeka Blvd. from 29th to 37th Street. The project also includes signal replacements. Tier 1 street project consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- SE Quincy Street from SE 8th to SE 10th Streets – Project reconstructs this segment of Quincy from 8th to 10th. The design will investigate creating a plaza type atmosphere as the current street is wide and experiences limited traffic volume. There is a possibility of a lane reduction. Tier 1 street project consistent with the draft Downtown Master Plan.
- S. Topeka Blvd. from SW 21st Street to SW 29th Street – Project is a rehabilitation for this portion of S. Topeka Blvd. Tier 1 street project consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- Parking Facilities Capital Repairs – Capital repairs to downtown parking facilities. This project will help fund implementation of the comprehensive parking plan recommendations. Tier 1 project consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- SW 10th Avenue – SW Wanamaker Road to SW Gerald Lane – Improve 10th Avenue to three lanes with curb, gutter and sidewalks. Tier 1 street project consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- SW Huntoon St – SW Executive Drive to SW Urish Rd – Reconstruct this section of SW Huntoon Street. Road will be three lanes with enclosed storm sewer. Tier 1 street project consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- Complete Streets – Provides additional complete street elements to better serve all users of the transportation system. Consistent with the Long Range Transportation Plan 2040.
- SW Fairlawn Road – SW 23rd Street o SW 29th Street – Project rehabs the stretch of SW Fairlawn from 23rd to 28th Street. The section of SW Fairlawn Road between 28th and 29th is being reworked with the Wheatfield Village project in 2019. Tier 1 street project consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- SW Urish Road, SW 21st St to SW 29th St – Reconstruct SW Urish Road to a 3-lane complete street with enclosed storm sewer and sidewalk/trail. Tier 1 street project consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- 12th Street – SW Gage Boulevard to S Kansas Avenue – Project provides funding for replacing 12th Street between Gage Blvd. and Kansas Avenue in conjunction with a citywide sales tax project. Tier 1 street project consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- SW Huntoon Street – Gage Blvd. to SW Harrison Street – Project provides funding to replace SW Huntoon Street between Gage Blvd. and Harrison Street. Project is a ½ Cent County Sales Tax Project. Tier 1 street project consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- SE California Ave. – SE 37th Street to SE 45th Street – Improving this section of SE California Ave. to three lanes. Tier 1 street project consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- SW 17th Street – MacVicar Ave. to Interstate 470 – Project replaces the pavement. Includes curb & gutter, sidewalks and a drainage system. Tier 1 street project consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- Bikeways Master Plan – Install bikeway routes identified in the Topeka Bikeways Master Plan.