

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Budget Committee Report

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Executive Summary

Summary of Total Expenditures, FY 2023 – FY 2027					
		SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions
FY 2023 Actual	\$	-	\$ 2,856,619,134	\$ 2,856,619,134	2,283.3
FY 2024 Actual		-	2,340,555,463	2,340,555,463	2,288.8
FY 2025 Actual		-	1,990,370,564	1,990,370,564	2,288.8
FY 2026					
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$	-	\$ 1,687,178,787	\$ 1,687,178,787	2,345.0
Agency Revised Estimate		-	2,349,647,874	2,349,647,874	2,345.0
Special Committee on the State Budget		-	2,349,647,874	2,349,647,874	2,345.0
House Committee of the Whole		-	2,350,370,946	2,350,370,946	2,345.0
Senate Committee of the Whole		-	2,350,370,946	2,350,370,946	2,345.0
Legislative Approved		-	2,350,370,946	2,350,370,946	2,345.0
Governor's Recommendation		-	2,350,370,946	2,350,370,946	2,345.0
FY 2027					
FY 2026 Approved, without Reappropriations	\$	-	\$ 1,687,178,787	\$ 1,687,178,787	2,345.0
Agency Request		-	1,674,825,407	1,674,825,407	2,345.0
Special Committee on the State Budget		-	1,674,825,407	1,674,825,407	2,345.0
House Committee of the Whole		-	1,680,559,888	1,680,559,888	2,345.0
Senate Committee of the Whole		-	1,680,559,888	1,680,559,888	2,345.0
Legislative Approved		-	1,682,205,025	1,682,205,025	2,345.0
Governor's Recommendation		-	1,675,559,888	1,675,559,888	2,345.0

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is a cabinet-level agency headed by a Secretary appointed by the Governor. The purpose of KDOT is to coordinate the planning, development, and operation of the various modes and systems of transportation within the state. KDOT has administrative and planning responsibilities for aviation, highways, public transportation, railroads, and waterways. However, the agency's efforts focus on approximately 10,000 miles of the state highway system's more than 140,372 total miles of public roads and highways.¹ Of those miles, approximately 10,000 are maintained by KDOT, 238 by the Kansas Turnpike Authority, and approximately 130,000 by local governments. There are also 307 miles located on the grounds of state parks. Of the miles of highway maintained by the State, 635 are on the interstate highway system. The State of Kansas ranks fourth nationwide in the total number of public roads, and fifth in the total number of bridges. Statewide, there are approximately 25,000 bridges.

¹ [KSA 68-406\(a\)](#)

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FY 2026

Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2026					
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ -	\$ 1,687,178,787	\$ 1,687,178,787	2,345.0	
Agency Revised Estimate	-	2,349,647,874	2,349,647,874	2,345.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)					
Change from Agency Revised Estimate	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ -	\$ 2,349,647,874	\$ 2,349,647,874	2,345.0	
House Committees					
Transportation and Public Safety Budget	\$ -	\$ 723,072	\$ 723,072	-	
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – House Change from SBC	\$ -	\$ 723,072	\$ 723,072	-	
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ -	\$ 2,350,370,946	\$ 2,350,370,946	2,345.0	
Senate Committees					
Transportation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Ways and Means	-	723,072	723,072	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC	\$ -	\$ 723,072	\$ 723,072	-	
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ -	\$ 2,350,370,946	\$ 2,350,370,946	2,345.0	
Legislative Approved					
Conference Committee	\$ -	\$ 723,072	\$ 723,072	-	
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-	
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-	
Certifications	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC	\$ -	\$ 723,072	\$ 723,072	-	
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ -	\$ 2,350,370,946	\$ 2,350,370,946	2,345.0	

Agency

The **agency** requests a revised estimate of \$2.3 billion, all from special revenue funds, in expenditures in FY 2026. This is an increase of \$662.5 million, or 39.26 percent, above the FY 2026 approved amount. The increases are predominantly associated with increases in Construction program projects: expansion (\$394.1 million), preservation (\$177.5 million), local construction (\$39.5 million), modernization (\$13.3 million), and buildings (\$8.8 million). Other increases are associated with contractual services for architects and engineers (\$19.8 million) and local aid to implement innovative technologies (\$13.0 million). These increases are partially offset by a reduction of \$3.6 million for commodities and capital outlays.

Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency's revised estimate in FY 2026.

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Joint Committees

Joint Committee on State Building Construction

The **Joint Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

House Committees

House Committee on Transportation and Public Safety Budget

The **House Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026, with the following adjustment:

1. Add \$723,072, all from the Special City and County Highway Fund, to align expenditures with estimated revenues from the State Highway Fund Consensus Revenue Estimating Group in FY 2026.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **House Committee** concurs with the House Budget Committee's recommendation in FY 2026, with the following adjustment:

1. Add language, in FY 2026, directing the Kansas Department of Transportation to delay one preservation project, from the Kansas City Metropolitan area, which has not yet let to bid and is scheduled to start construction on or after 2028 with a cost estimate between \$130 million and \$150 million dollars. Funds from the delayed project would be reallocated for preservation projects on shoulders and passing lanes in District 4 (\$50 million), District 5 (\$50 million), and District 2 and District 3 each receiving 50 percent of the remaining delayed funds in excess of \$100 million. The delayed Kansas City Metropolitan project would become part of the next transportation plan.

House Committee of the Whole

The **House Committee of the Whole** concurs with the House Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Senate Committees

Senate Committee on Transportation

The **Senate Committee on Transportation** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The **Senate Committee** concurs with the Senate Committee on Transportation's recommendation in FY 2026, with the following adjustment:

1. Add \$723,072, all from the Special City and County Highway Fund, to align expenditures with estimated revenues from the State Highway Fund Consensus Revenue Estimating Group in FY 2026.

Senate Committee of the Whole

The **Senate Committee of the Whole** concurs with the Senate Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

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Conference Committee

The **Conference Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026, with the following adjustment:

1. Add \$723,072, all from the Special City and County Highway Fund, to align expenditures with estimated revenues from the State Highway Fund Consensus Revenue Estimating Group in FY 2026.

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FY 2027

Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2027					
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
FY 2026 Approved, without Reappropriations	\$ -	\$ 1,687,178,787	\$ 1,687,178,787	2,345.0	
Agency Request	-	1,674,825,407	1,674,825,407	2,345.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)					
<i>Change from Agency Request</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ -	\$ 1,674,825,407	\$ 1,674,825,407	2,345.0	
House Committees					
Transportation and Public Safety Budget	\$ -	\$ 734,481	\$ 734,481	-	
Appropriations	-	5,000,000	5,000,000	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
<i>Subtotal – House Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ 5,734,481	\$ 5,734,481	-	
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ -	\$ 1,680,559,888	\$ 1,680,559,888	2,345.0	
Senate Committees					
Transportation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Ways and Means	-	5,734,481	5,734,481	-	
Committee of the Whole	-	-	-	-	
<i>Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ 5,734,481	\$ 5,734,481	-	
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ -	\$ 1,680,559,888	\$ 1,680,559,888	2,345.0	
Legislative Approved					
Conference Committee	\$ -	\$ 5,734,481	\$ 5,734,481	-	
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-	
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-	
Certifications	-	1,645,137	1,645,137	-	
<i>Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ 7,379,618	\$ 7,379,618	-	
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ -	\$ 1,682,205,025	\$ 1,682,205,025	2,345.0	

Agency

The **agency** requests \$1.7 billion, all from special revenue funds, in expenditures for FY 2027. This is a decrease of \$12.4 million, or 0.73 percent, below the FY 2026 approved amount. This decrease is predominantly associated with reductions in expenditures for preservation projects (\$108.6 million). This decrease is partially offset by increases to the debt service interest (\$13.0 million) and debt service principal (\$10.8 million) for projected bond issuance; contractual services for architects and engineers (\$20.9 million); and other construction project types: local construction (\$23.6 million), modernization (\$13.3 million), and expansion (\$9.7 million). An additional increase of \$5.0 million is associated with expenditures for construction inspection, traffic safety, and regular maintenance.

Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency request for FY 2027.

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Joint Committees

Joint Committee on State Building Construction

The **Joint Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

House Committees

House Committee on Transportation and Public Safety Budget

The **House Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027, with the following adjustment:

1. Add \$734,481 , all from the Special City and County Highway Fund, to align expenditures with estimated revenues from the State Highway Fund Consensus Revenue Estimating Group for FY 2027.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **House Committee** concurs with the House Budget Committee's recommendation for FY 2027, with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$5.0 million ARPA to support, modernize, and sustain integration for the existing Kansas Statewide Interoperable Communication System for FY 2027.
2. Add language, for FY 2027, directing the Kansas Department of Transportation to continue to delay one preservation project, from the Kansas City Metropolitan area, which has not yet let to bid and is scheduled to start construction on or after 2028 with a cost estimate between \$130 million and \$150 million dollars. Funds from the delayed project would be reallocated for preservation projects on shoulders and passing lanes in District 4 (\$50 million), District 5 (\$50 million), and District 2 and District 3 each receiving 50 percent of the remaining delayed funds in excess of \$100 million. The delayed Kansas City Metropolitan project would become part of the next transportation plan.

House Committee of the Whole

The **House Committee of the Whole** concurs with the House Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Senate Committees

Senate Committee on Transportation

The **Senate Committee on Transportation** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The **Senate Committee** concurs with the Senate Committee on Transportation's recommendation for FY 2027, with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$734,481, all from the Special City and County Highway Fund, to align expenditures with estimated revenues from the State Highway Fund Consensus Revenue Estimating Group for FY 2027.
2. Add \$5.0 million ARPA to support, modernize, and sustain integration for the existing Kansas Statewide Interoperable Communication System for FY 2027.

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Senate Committee of the Whole

The **Senate Committee of the Whole** concurs with the Senate Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Conference Committee

The **Conference Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027, with the following adjustments:

1. Add \$734,481, all from the Special City and County Highway Fund, to align expenditures with estimated revenues from the State Highway Fund Consensus Revenue Estimating Group for FY 2027.
2. Add \$5.0 million ARPA to support, modernize, and sustain integration for the existing Kansas Statewide Interoperable Communication System for FY 2027.

Conference Committee

The **Governor** vetoes the following for FY 2027:

1. Add \$5.0 million ARPA to support, modernize, and sustain integration for the existing Kansas Statewide Interoperable Communication System for FY 2027.

Legislative Approved

HB 2513 authorized the following statewide adjustment which was certified following the conclusion of the 2026 Session:

1. Add \$1.6 million to implement the Executive Branch pay plan approved by the 2026 Legislature and certified by the State Finance Council for FY 2027.