



Kansas Infrastructure Summit

July 13 – 14, 2022

Eugene M. Hughes Metropolitan Complex
5015 E. 29th St. N, Wichita, Kansas

Day 1: July 13, 2022

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome & Charge for the Summit** Governor Laura Kelly
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- 10:15 a.m. Ad Astra Simul: Delivering More for Kansas Infrastructure - More than \$3.8 billion will be invested in Kansas infrastructure over the next five years through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). This session will discuss how we can maximize the impact of those dollars and how the newly formed Kansas Infrastructure Hub can help do that.** Julie Lorenz, KDOT Secretary & Kansas Infrastructure Hub Chair
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- 10:45 a.m. Upcoming Federal Infrastructure Grants/Funding Opportunities - This session will highlight all upcoming notices for funding opportunities that schools, private entities, state, local and tribal governments may want to take advantage of this fall and winter.**
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- 11:30 a.m. Networking Lunch**
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- 1:00 p.m. Infrastructure Sector Working Sessions - Participants will hear from federal, state, and local leaders who will highlight funding opportunities, share best practices to maximize the impact of the dollars, and strategize how Kansas can meet more infrastructure needs. Panel topics include:**
- Transportation:** Nationwide, more than \$284 billion will be invested in highways, bridges, ports, electric vehicle charging, transit, rail and airports through formula dollars and competitive grants. KDOT will receive at least \$145 million more annually. There is funding available for cities, counties, schools, and private entities (EV charging).
- Matt Allen, City of Garden City
 - Mike Moriarty, KDOT
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Water and Sewer: Nationwide, more than \$55 billion will be invested to improve water infrastructure, including approximately \$454 million for Kansas. There are funding opportunities, including grants, for communities to address contaminants, remove lead pipes, build stronger infrastructure, mitigate wildfire risk, improve irrigation and more.

- William Carr, KDHE
- Cathy Tucker-Vogel, KDHE
- Matt Unruh, KS Water Office
- Josh Tapp, EPA
- Jeff Robichaud, EPA
- Bill Perkins, City of Wichita
- Tonya Bronleewe, WSU
- Tracy Streeter, Burns & McDonnell
- Katie Miller, KS Municipal Utilities

Energy: Nationwide more than \$73 billion, including grants, will be invested to enhance the resilience of electric grids, modernize energy infrastructure, make public schools more energy efficient and more.

- Lee Tafanelli, KS Electric Cooperatives
- Brad Mears, KS Municipal Utilities
- Jason Klindt, Evergy

Broadband: Nationwide more than \$65 billion to increase access to high-speed internet, including at least \$100 million in Kansas. This includes funding for broadband infrastructure and grants to reduce the cost of internet for disadvantaged communities.

Resilience: Nationwide more than \$55 billion will be invested to mitigate the impact of natural disasters and extreme weather and to prevent pollution. Funding is available to protect against wildfires, floods, and other natural disasters. Grants are available to communities, homes and businesses to strengthen against natural disasters.

Cybersecurity: Nationwide, more than \$1 billion will be invested in cybersecurity, including approximately \$14 million in Kansas. Money allocated to cybersecurity is spread across multiple programs to strengthen cyber systems and defense against future attacks, cyber response and recovery, and research and development in cyber.

- Jeff Maxon, KS Information Security Office

2:15 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. Infrastructure Sector Working Sessions - *Infrastructure sector working sessions will repeat to allow participants to attend more than one sector.*

3:45 p.m. Plenary Report & Preview for Day 2

4:00 p.m. Social & Follow-Up Questions - *Networking reception and opportunity for participants to ask follow-up questions from panel discussions.*

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Day 2: July 14, 2022

- 9:00 a.m.** **The Power of And** - *Kansas has a large infrastructure network and a relatively small population, which makes regional collaboration vital to meet the needs of Kansans. This session will explain how the state can foster more collaboration to maximize the opportunities identified in Day 1 of the Summit.* Julie Lorenz, KDOT Secretary & Kansas Infrastructure Hub Chair and Hub Advisory Group members
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- 9:30 a.m.** **Working Session: Empowering Investments** - *In this facilitated session, participants will identify: 1) barriers they face in taking advantage of BIL funding opportunities (like grant writing resources); and 2) in being able to meet their current and future infrastructure needs and priorities. Working together, groups will strategize what can be done at the federal and state level to address these barriers. If you've ever thought, "Why doesn't D.C. or Topeka take this into account in their programs?", this is your opportunity to provide that feedback. Recognizing needs and concerns can vary greatly depending on a community size; participants will be assigned a session based on their population size.*
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- 10:45 a.m.** **Break**
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- 11:00 a.m.** **Working Session Report Outs and Connections to the Upcoming Regional Discussions.**
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- 11:45 a.m.** **Lunch on your own**
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- 1:00 p.m.** **Working Session: Regional Infrastructure Priorities** - *There's never enough time or money to chase all the grant opportunities, and administering federal funds can be challenging. Regional prioritization is critical for strategically competing for infrastructure funding and making the most of funds available. Participants will be asked to identify what infrastructure needs are most critical to address in their regions, how communities of the region might partner together on grants and to address implementation challenges in their areas.*
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- 2:00 p.m.** **Regional Working Session Facilitated Report Outs**
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- 2:45 p.m.** **Summation - Where do we go from here?** Julie Lorenz, KDOT Secretary & Kansas Infrastructure Hub Chair
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3:15 p.m. **Grant Writing 101** - *How to find grants, grant writers and write grants.*

- State Agencies
- Nancy Daniels, Community Vitality Specialist from K-State Research Extension

4:00 p.m. **Adjourn**
