

**PRELIMINARY  
MINUTES**

**BUILD KANSAS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

November 20, 2024  
Room 548-S—Statehouse

**Members Present**

Representative Troy Waymaster, Chairperson  
Senator Usha Reddi  
Senator Tim Shallenburger  
Representative Avery Anderson (appointed substitute member for this meeting)  
Representative Henry Helgerson  
Representative Kyle Hoffman

**Members Absent**

Senator Ty Masterson, Vice Chairperson

**Staff Present**

Chardae Caine, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Nancy Fontaine, Committee Assistant

**Conferees**

Matthew Volz, Executive Director, Kansas Infrastructure Hub

**Wednesday, November 20**  
**Afternoon Session**

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Waymaster called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Approval of September 18, 2024, Minutes**

*Representative Helgerson moved, and Senator Shallenburger seconded, approval of the minutes for September 18, 2024. The motion carried.*

**Presentation on Applications to the Build Kansas Matching Grant Fund**

The Chairperson recognized Matthew Volz, Kansas Infrastructure Hub, on behalf of the Build Kansas Steering Committee, who provided a brief review of the Build Kansas process and the status of approved projects. Several projects have been approved at the federal level. ([Attachment 1](#))

The following new applications were reviewed:

1. #2025-076-MARC is from KC Digital Drive to support funding from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for the development of on-ramps to new digital services, access, and capacities that would benefit both Kansas and Missouri communities. The match requirement is 10.0 percent. The entity is requesting \$804,969 and is contributing \$1.2 million of in-kind match and \$381,060 from other local funding sources. This request has potential to unlock \$5.6 million of federal funding. ([Attachment 2](#))

*Representative Hoffman moved, and Representative Helgerson seconded, to deny the funding. The motion carried.*

2. #2025-077-MARC is from Miami County to support a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) for the Miami County Airport project. The match requirement is 10.0 percent. The County is contributing \$2,139 and is requesting \$40,639, potentially unlocking \$385,000 of federal funding. ([Attachment 3](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

3. #2025-078-GPDA is from the Stafford County Port Authority to support a U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) for its Central Kansas Transload Facility project. This is a resubmission of a package that was submitted early in 2024 as the rules relating to the second round of RAISE grants changed. The entity is contributing \$2.5 million and is requesting \$5.0 million, potentially unlocking \$25.0 million of federal funding. ([Attachment 4](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

4. #2025-079-SCKEDD is from the Cities of Harper and Anthony to support a U.S. Department of Interior grant for a HPCO-SMART Metering Energy Efficiency and Conservation Initiative project. The local match requirement is 50.0 percent. The Cities are contributing \$57,182 and is requesting \$1.1 million which has the potential to unlock \$1.1 million of federal funding. ([Attachment 5](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

### **Committee Discussion, Advise, and Recommendations**

Chairperson Waymaster opened discussion.

A Committee member inquired how the next federal administration will impact funding for these programs. A representative of the Infrastructure Hub stated that there is no information requiring the transition available at this time.

### **Adjourn**

Chairperson Waymaster adjourned the meeting at 1:41 pm.

Prepared by Nancy Fontaine  
Edited by Chardae Caine

Approved by the Committee on:

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(Date)