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Governor Kelly Announces $12.3M for KDOT Cost Share Program Projects

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly and Kansas Department of Transportation Secretary Calvin Reed today announced $12.3 million in awards for 14 vital transportation construction projects across the state through the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) Cost Share Program for fall 2026. This state investment will leverage more than $15 million in community matching funds, totaling more than $27 million for infrastructure improvements that will enhance safety, support local economies, and improve connectivity.

"These Cost Share-funded projects are a prime example of smart government investment," Governor Laura Kelly said. "These crucial projects not only make our economy more dynamic and competitive, but they also make Kansas an even better place to live, work, and raise a family."

The KDOT Cost Share Program plays an important role in empowering both rural and urban areas to advance transportation projects. Its focus areas include improving safety, supporting job retention and growth, alleviating congestion, and enhancing access and mobility for Kansans. The program is a cornerstone of the Kelly administration's 10-year, bipartisan Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE).

Since its inception in fall 2019, the Cost Share Program has awarded state funding of more than $181 million to Kansas communities. As one of KDOT's most impactful initiatives, it has supported 230 projects statewide, attracting an additional $150 million in local matching funds.

"Our communities are uniquely positioned to understand their transportation needs, and the Cost Share Program empowers them to address those specific challenges," said KDOT Secretary Calvin Reed. "KDOT is deeply committed to fostering this collaboration, creating effective, locally-driven solutions that benefit all Kansans."

Fall 2026 Cost Share recipients are:

Barton County – Railroad Avenue Improvements

City of Erie – South Main Road Safety Improvement Project

City of Frankfort – Maple Street Improvement

City of Minneola – Poplar Street Improvements

City of Montezuma – Montezuma's Last Mile: Gravel to Pavement Project

City of Osawatomie – Brown Avenue Sidewalk and ADA Improvements

City of Pittsburg – K-126 (4th Street) Reconstruction – Catalpa Street to Walnut Street

City of Plainville – Reconstruction of North Section Line Street from Mill Street to K-18

City of Rose Hill – Old Town/East Showalter Safety Improvement Area with Access to USD School Street Complex

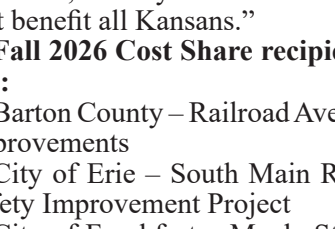
Clay County – Riverscreen Growth and Retention Access Project

Leavenworth County – Final Phase – 235th Street Road Improvement Project

Republic County – 220 Road (Munden Road) Pavement Preservation

Rice County – Rice County/City of Lyons Preserving Streets for Our Future

Sherman County – Road 64 and Road 3 Resurfacing



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Evergy Kansas Central (EKC) and Evergy Kansas Metro (EKM), combined as "Evergy," have filed a Petition with the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) requesting a determination of the prudency of five generation investments, if the investments will result in just and reasonable rates for customers, and whether EKC and EKM would be entitled to recover costs of the investments and under what terms. The generation investments are one unit at a new combined cycle gas-fired generating turbine plant (CCGT), one stand-alone solar facility, two stand-alone battery storage facilities, and one hybrid solar and battery storage facility.

Public Hearing

The Commission has scheduled a virtual public hearing to provide Evergy Kansas customers an opportunity to learn more about the proposed projects, as well as ask questions and make comments about the proposal. The virtual public hearing will be:

Thursday, December 10, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

An evidentiary hearing on Evergy's request is scheduled to begin February 15, 2027 at 10:00 a.m. Central, at the Commission's Offices, 1500 SW Arrowhead Rd., Topeka, KS 66604-4027.

Attendees that participate virtually using Zoom must register at https://kcc.ks.gov/your-opinion-matters by noon the day before the hearing. The hearing will be broadcast live on the agency's YouTube channel for those unable to attend. Any person requiring special accommodations at the hearing site under The Americans with Disabilities Act must notify the Commission at least 10 days prior to the scheduled public hearing by calling 800-662-0027.

Public Comments

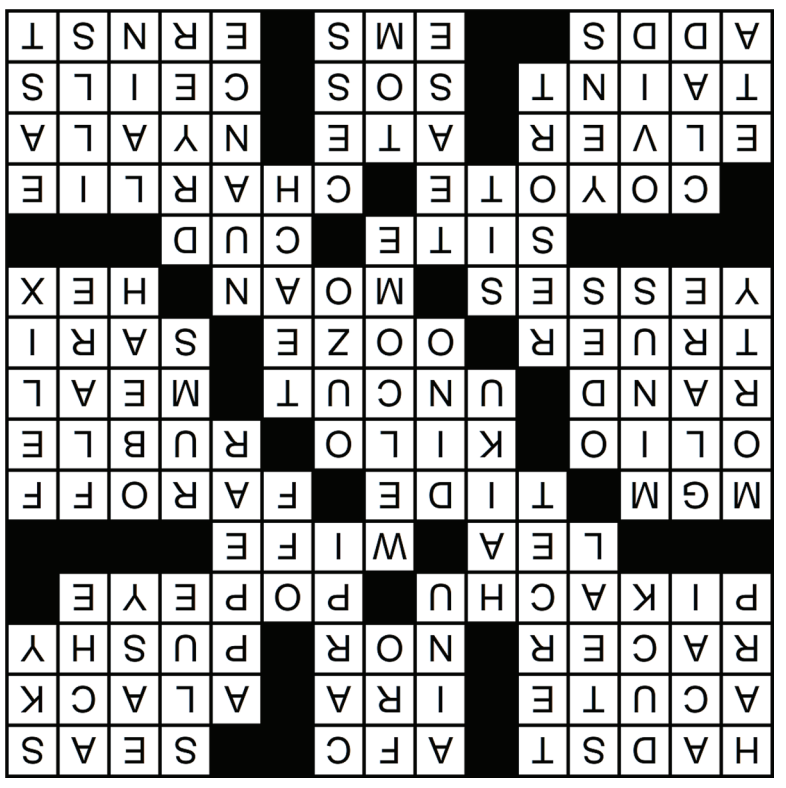
The Commission will also accept written comments from the public through 5 p.m., January 29, 2027. Comments regarding the case should reference Docket No. 27-EKCE-0149-PRE and should be sent to the Kansas Corporation Commission Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, KS 66604-4027. Comments may also be submitted online at https://kcc-connect.kcc.ks.gov/s/public-comments, by e-mail to public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov or by calling 1-800-662-0027.

Evergy's Petition Request

Evergy's Petition requests approvals as follows: 1) EKC's 100% ownership of the Buchanan Bluffs Unit 1 CCGT located in Buchanan County, Mo.; 2) EKC and EKM split ownership (50%/50%) of Iron Horse Solar to be located near Parsons in Labette County, Kan.; 3) EKC and EKM split ownership (50%/50%) of Iron Horse Storage to be located near Parsons in Labette County, KS; 4) EKC's 100% ownership of Pixley Energy Storage located in Barber County, Kan.; and 5) EKC's 100% ownership of Pixley II Hybrid solar and storage located in Barber County, Kan.

Evergy has asked the KCC to allow recovery of construction work in progress (CWIP) during the construction of the CCGTs and in a future rate proceeding will ask for recovery of the investments once they are in service, which is is expected in in 2028 for the Iron Horse Solar, Pixley Energy Storage, and Pixley II Hybrid projects; 2029 for Iron Horse Storage; and 2031 for Buchanan Bluffs Unit 1 CCGT.

EKC serves about 749,000 customers in Topeka, Lawrence, Olathe, Leavenworth, Atchison, Manhattan, Salina, Hutchinson, Emporia, Parsons, Wichita, Arkansas City, El Dorado, Newton, Fort Scott, Pittsburg, and Independence, among other towns and rural areas. EKM serves about 279,800 customers in Lenexa, Overland Park and other communities near the Kansas City metro area.



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