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T-WORKS Transit Program

What's new or different under T-WORKS: A new regional approach to rural transit service will dramatically improve efficiency and the delivery of services for thousands of riders. The new approach recognizes the growth in demand throughout the state over the last nine years when ridership grew by 48 percent. Because of greater needs, including those of the state's urban transit providers, funding will increase from \$6 million annually to \$11 million starting in 2013. Changes will take place in both rural and urban operations:

Rural

There are nearly 200 rural public transit providers in Kansas, yet nearly 20 counties don't have access to public transit services. The regional approach will utilize one-call dispatching and will increase coordination among trans-

-portation providers. Pilot projects for the regional approach are under way in four regions of the state.

Urban

The funding distribution formula has been revised so that more factors, such as actual ridership, will be taken into account. During the past transportation program the funding formula was based solely on population, which didn't adequately reflect transit needs. Now, more factors will be used and the funding formulas will be recalculated annually.

How it works: Based on feedback from the local consultation meetings and with the help of a transit working group, funding formulas were updated and revised to better meet the needs of today's citizens.

Category	Annual Funding	Additional Information
Urban Transit	\$5,491,200	The distribution will be based on the following formula: 40% ridership, 40% population and 20% mileage. Funding formulas will be recalculated annually, using a three-year rolling average with a 24-month delay.
Rural Transit	\$2,956,800	The rural funding formula will be revisited after the regional pilot projects are completed.
Elderly and Disabled	\$352,000	T-WORKS will create a separate fund for elderly and disabled transportation. Four percent of the formula funds will be used for specialized transportation. Distribution of funding has not been determined.
Commuter	\$825,000	Funding will be distributed annually through a discretionary program that enhances or promotes innovative and sustainable commuter services. Project application/selection criteria pending. Projects will be selected for FY 2014 in late 2012.
Regional Transit Approach	\$1,375,000	Funding will be utilized for: Operations Administration Technology Vehicle Purchase Maintenance Facility Construction Stops/Shelters/Signage
TOTAL	\$11,000,000	

What they're saying:

"The Flint Hills region is one of the fastest growing regions in the state and it is imperative that we be able to meet the transit needs of our diverse population. Increased state funding means that our system will be able to provide service to a growing workforce and maintain and increase services to traditional transit users as well."

-Anne Smith, Director, Flint Hills Area Transportation Agency

"T-WORKS will allow us to make substantial improvements to our transit systems, both urban and rural. Ridership is up across the state and additional investments will make the services that local transit agencies provide more successful."

-Lisa Koch, KDOT Public Transit Manager



Get on the bus! – More Kansans will be riding the bus in rural and urban areas in coming years as more efficiencies – and funding – are put into place during T-WORKS.



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Be watching for: The funding increase for transit will begin in 2013. In 2011, KDOT will have a full roll-out of the regional transit approach at three of its pilot locations. Once that is in place, a process of forming regions and creating a timeline for statewide implementation of the regional approach will begin.