

Appendix III

Projects Identified as Priorities During 2008 T-LINK Local Consultation



Introduction

Over a two-year timeframe, KDOT worked with local stakeholders to identify the highway projects with regional and statewide significance. In summer of 2006, KDOT area engineers held 80 meetings with local jurisdictions to discuss project needs. More than 300 projects were submitted by local officials. Those projects were combined with a list of projects identified by KDOT's priority formula. This combined list was distributed and discussed at a series of regional meetings in the fall of 2006. Those meetings were well-attended by local stakeholders and the discussions about regional and statewide priorities helped refine the list of projects to those that were considered most important.

The list was circulated again in 2008 as a part of the T-LINK process. A few projects were added to the list and many of the projects were further defined. The list doesn't include every project need in the state, but is the result of extensive collaboration to define the most important regional and statewide needs. The total estimated construction costs (nearly \$10 billion) to build the projects probably are more than the state could afford in the near- to mid-term, even if a new program would be passed. However, the process has been invaluable. It helps set the stage for more statewide and regional collaboration in the future and this list will serve as a good starting point as the next transportation program develops.