



REPRESENTATIVE SHARICE DAVIDS

# THE STATE OF OUR SYSTEMS: BRIDGES

An investigative series on the Kansas Third District's infrastructure systems from Representative Sharice Davids

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## INTRODUCTION

The Kansas Third District has long been a hub for transportation, with rail, highway, air, and water infrastructure converging right here in our backyard. However, decades of underinvestment has led to a growing need in communities across the country, Kansas City Metro included, for repairs, upgrades, and additions to the systems that allow us to live our lives.

As Vice Chair of the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the first Kansan on the committee in a decade, Representative Sharice Davids is working to reverse that trend and bring smart, sustainable investment to the Kansas Third District. Through policies that create jobs, tackle climate change, and encourage sustainable economic growth, we can ensure the Kansas Third District remains a center for infrastructure for decades to come.



# 21

bridges in KS-03 are rated "poor"

In Kansas' Third District, **21 bridges** are rated "poor" by the US Department of Transportation ([FHWA](#)).

# 732

bridges in KS-03 need repairs

Repairs are needed on **732 bridges** in Kansas' Third District, which will cost an estimated \$1.4 billion ([ARTBA](#)).

# 6/10

most traveled KS bridges needing repairs are in KS-03

**6 of the top 10** most travelled structurally deficient bridges in KS are located in Kansas' Third District ([ARTBA](#)).

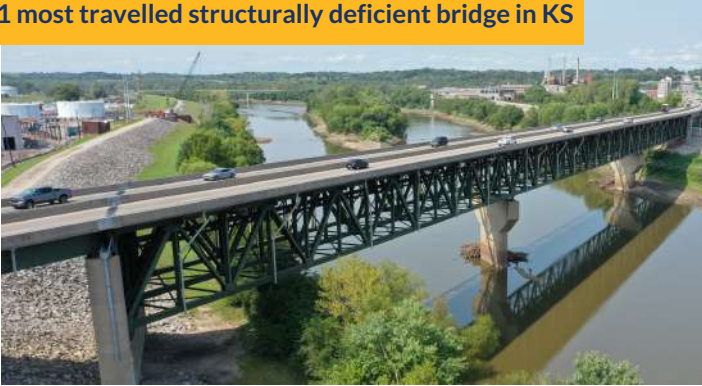
# 16M

bridge crossings happen daily in KS-03

Each day, **over 16 million** bridge crossings happen in our district – **13 million** on bridges that have repair work suggested ([ARTBA](#)).

# A CLOSER LOOK

#1 most travelled structurally deficient bridge in KS



## 18TH ST EXPRESSWAY

- **Built in:** 1959
- **Daily Crossings:** 30,100
- **Status:** After structural updates costing \$7 million were completed in 2018, replacement options are now being considered as repairs are no longer cost effective.

#4 most travelled structurally deficient bridge in KS



## COLLEGE BLVD

- **Built in:** 1976
- **Daily Crossings:** 21,800
- **Status:** Overland Park estimates it will cost \$8.5 million to replace this critical yet structurally deficient throughway.

#10 most travelled structurally deficient bridge in KS



## CENTRAL AVENUE

- **Built in:** 1918
- **Daily Crossings:** 8,535
- **Status:** This bridge is currently not open for use and was forced to close due to "fear of failure."

"13 million times a day, people in our community use bridges that need to be repaired. That's 13 million daily reminders that these investments can't wait, and it's why I'm proud to support policies that bring federal funding to much-needed projects here at home."

-Representative Sharice Davids

# HELP IS HERE: BRIDGES

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Representative Davids is a consistent advocate for bringing smart, sustainable infrastructure investments to the Kansas Third District. Davids supports several pieces of legislation that will bring jobs and growth to the region while addressing the impacts of climate change.

## AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

- Gave Kansas an estimated \$2.7 billion for transportation and infrastructure projects, from public transit to broadband to water systems.
- Provided funds for the Kansas Department of Transportation and local government authorities to keep staff on payroll throughout the pandemic, helping keep our roadways safe.

## BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEAL

- Includes the single largest dedicated bridge investment since the construction of the Interstate Highway System.
- Based on formula funding alone, Kansas would expect to receive \$225 million for bridge replacement and repairs over five years.
- Kansas can also compete for the \$12.5 billion Bridge Investment Program for economically significant bridges, which requires all projects to use American-made steel and iron.
- Includes nearly \$16 billion of national funding dedicated for major projects that will deliver substantial economic benefits to communities.
- Reauthorizes critical programs like FAST and INFRA that provide funding to state transportation authorities .