



REPRESENTATIVE SHARICE DAVIDS

# THE STATE OF OUR SYSTEMS: ROADS

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 have 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, from bridges to broadband.

As Vice Chair of the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee 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 Third District. Through policies that create jobs, tackle climate change, and encourage sustainable economic growth, we can ensure the Kansas Third remains a center for infrastructure for decades to come.



# 5th

highest fatality rate in the country

Kansas has the **5th-highest fatality rate** on rural roads in the country and 353 people have died this year alone. ([Source](#))

# 10

years until roads reach failure

At current funding levels, most streets in Kansas City, Kansas will be in a state of **poor or failed condition by 2031**. ([Source](#))

# \$1.1

billion cost per year for KS motorists

Driving on deteriorated roads costs Kansas motorists **\$1.1 billion a year** – \$509 per driver – in repairs, vehicle depreciation, and increased fuel consumption. ([Source](#))

# \$625

million in GDP added each year

The bipartisan infrastructure law's investments in Kansas roads and transit systems will add **\$625 million in state gross domestic product** each year. ([Source](#))

# A CLOSER LOOK

Funded by new federal law



## US 69 / 167th St Interchange

- By 2050, this interchange is projected to see 30,000 vehicles daily—a **450% increase** from current levels.
- With a newly expanded hospital opened nearby, this intersection will serve as a key link for EMS vehicles.
- Congestion can reduce speeds to 15 miles per hour, causing higher than normal crash rates. This interchange, and the added U.S. 69 lane, will alleviate congestion and reduce accidents.

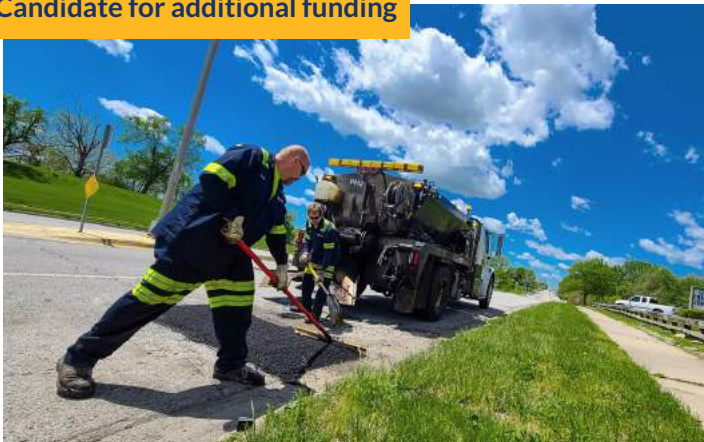
Advanced by new federal law



## I-35 between old US-56 and 119th Street

- Congestion along this main stretch between Lenexa and Olathe is forecasted to **double by 2040**.
- Modernization and lane addition along this 4 mile segment is consistently **rated** a high priority in KDOT local consultation meetings.
- It **scores highly** on congestion, safety needs, and economic benefit to the area, and has advanced into development phase due to new federal funding.

Candidate for additional funding



## 18th Street Reconstruction

- This project would revitalize 18th Street from the Wyandotte/Johnson County Line to Quindaro Boulevard.
- A joint effort with KDOT and local residents, this would **improve pedestrian, bike, and vehicle infrastructure** to promote sustainable development.
- The project would create a multi-use, north-south corridor from Wyandotte to Johnson County.

“The bipartisan infrastructure law will do more than just fix potholes—though it will do that, too! It will save lives by making our roads safer, reduce transportation costs for people and goods, create good-paying jobs to improve roadways, and spur innovation and long-term economic growth in the Kansas Third.”

-Representative Sharice Davids

# HELP IS HERE: ROADS

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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

- Allocated \$117 million to Johnson County and \$32.1 million to Wyandotte County in the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, flexible funding which can be used for roads or other infrastructure.

## BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

- Based on past funding patterns, allocates \$2.8 billion to Kansas over five years in federal highway and bridge funding (31.7% increase over current levels).
- Allocates ~\$28 million for highway safety traffic programs in Kansas to help reduce deaths and injuries from motor vehicle-related crashes (29% increase over current levels).
- Allocates an estimated \$63 million over five years to help Kansas reduce transportation-related emissions.
- Allows KDOT to address transportation needs identified through local consultation meetings sooner than they otherwise would have.
- Consistently funds KDOT's Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE) for the next 5 years, which has already announced \$750 million in projects across the state—including the Highway 69 expansion in Johnson County.
- Includes nearly \$16 billion of national funding dedicated for major infrastructure projects that will deliver substantial economic benefits to communities.