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## Legislation Text

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### **AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WICHITA TO MANAGE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION GRANT APPLICATIONS AND RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION FOR THE NORTH JUNCTION PROJECT (I-135, I-235, K-96 AND K-254) (R353) (DISTRICT 4).**

Presented by: David C. Spears, P.E., Assistant County Manager.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve the agreement, subject to approval of a supporting CIP amendment, and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Reconstruction of the North Junction (interchange of I-135, I-235, K-96, K-254) has been a high priority for the local community and the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for many years. KDOT lacks funding to proceed with the project and leaders from Wichita and Sedgwick County have been working to find a way to move the project forward.

Elected officials from the City and County have approached federal and state elected and appointed officials to push the project and ascertain a path forward. The City of Wichita has proposed a plan that will position the project to compete for a BUILD grant and/or INFRA grant. A key component of the plan is to dedicate local funds to be used for four tasks:

1. Contract with a consultant to prepare and submit a BUILD grant application.
2. Contract with a consultant to prepare right-of-way descriptions, tract maps, and other information needed to begin right-of-way acquisition for the gold/orange phases.
3. Begin right-of-way acquisition of strategic tracts.
4. Contract with a consultant to prepare an INFRA grant application after the federal Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is published if the project appears to be eligible.

The City has requested that the County allocate \$500,000 to match a City allocation of \$500,000 to create \$1,000,000 in local funding to begin the project. The project agreement sets out responsibilities for the project.

Alternatives: Take such action as the Board deems appropriate.

Financial Considerations: The City and the County will each contribute \$500,000 to the project for a total of \$1,000,000. Wichita has already entered into an agreement with a consultant in the amount of \$86,000 to prepare the BUILD grant application and a separate agreement in the amount of \$49,000 to prepare right-of-way documents, etc. The balance of \$865,000 will be used to acquire right-of-way and prepare an INFRA grant application (if the project is deemed eligible). The County will fund its share with a \$346,073.96 unplanned reimbursement from FHWA/KDOT for construction of B499 and \$153,926.04 in project savings from B467.

Legal Considerations: The BOCC is authorized to make all contracts in relation to the property and concerns of the county under K.S.A. 19-101 fourth; and to perform such duties as required by law

concerning roads under K.S.A. 19-212 Ninth. Under K.S.A. 12-2908, the BOCC may enter into contracts with other cities or townships to perform any governmental service, activity or undertaking that each entity is authorized to perform.

Policy Considerations: N/A

Outside Attendees: N/A

Multimedia Presentation: N/A