

# Build Kansas Fund | Fiscal Year 2024 Application Package | Memo



To: Senator Ty Masterson, Chair, Build Kansas Advisory Committee  
Murl Riedel, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Shauna Wake, Office of the Kansas State Treasurer

From: Matthew A. Volz, PE, Executive Director, Kansas Infrastructure Hub

RE: Build Kansas Fund Application #2024-047-GP

Date: May 20, 2024

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Attached, please find an application made to the Build Kansas Fund by the City of Dodge City, Kansas. The application packet includes the following items:

- Coversheet – provides a high-level overview of the application including a unique identification number, page 1 of 11 of the Build Kansas Fund Application Package.
- Build Kansas Fund Application – includes information submitted with the Build Kansas Fund Application, pages 2-8. Page 8 provides the table of funding sources.
- Attachments – Executive Summary, pages 9-11.

## **Project Overview**

Under the Rural Surface Transportation Program, the U.S. Department of Transportation will provide funding to improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas to increase connectivity, improve the safety and reliability of the movement of people and freight, generate regional economic growth, and improve quality of life. The Dodge City – US 56 Corridor Project focuses on improving safety and expanding infrastructure to increase economic activity in the region, which includes National Beef, Cargill Meat Solutions, and soon, Hilmar Cheese plants. The project proposes improvements where three highways (US-56, US-400, US-283), converge and cross BNSF Railway, in addition to other expansion and efficiency efforts.

This opportunity is a discretionary BIL program with a local match requirement of 20% of the total project cost. The entity is requesting \$7,620,280.00 from the Build Kansas Fund. This request has the potential to unlock \$40,641,492.00 in federal funds.

The federal deadline was May 6, 2024 and this Build Kansas Fund application was received on April 29, 2024.

## **Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee Recommendation**

The Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee reviewed this application on May 1, 2024, following a successful completeness check. The Steering Committee **RECOMMENDS APPROVAL** of Build Kansas Funding to the Build Kansas Advisory Committee for final advice.

# Build Kansas Fund | Fiscal Year 2024 Application Package | Coversheet



Build Kansas Fund Application Number	2024-047-GP
Project Name	Dodge City – US 56 Corridor – Re-MOO-ving Barriers to Elevate Rural America
Entity Type	Local Government
Economic Development District (EDD) Planning Commission	GP – Great Plains Region
Infrastructure Sector(s)	Transportation
BIL Program	Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (RURAL)
BIL Program Type	Discretionary
BIL Application Deadline	5/6/2024
Build Kansas Fund Request	\$7,620,280
Technical Assistance Received	General <span style="float: right;">No</span>
	BIL Application <span style="float: right;">No</span>
	Build Kansas Fund Application <span style="float: right;">No</span>
	Other (Brief Description):
Application Notes	Build Kansas Fund contribution of \$7,620,280 will unlock \$40,641,492 in federal BIL funding.

<b>Steering Committee Funding Recommendation</b>	<b>5/1/2024   Recommend</b>
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<b>Advisory Committee Target Review</b>	<b>DATE   Recommend or Decline</b>
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<b>Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation</b>	<b>DATE   Approve or Decline</b>
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### Completeness Review Data

Date Build Kansas Application Received:	4/29/2024
Date Of Completeness Check:	4/29/2024
Date Forwarded to Steering Committee:	4/29/2024

Title	<h1 style="margin: 0;">City of Dodge City</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">by <b>Nickolaus Hernandez</b> in <b>Build Kansas Fund</b>  <b>Fiscal Year 2024 Application</b></p> <p style="margin: 0;">City of Dodge City, Administration              806 N. 2nd Ave.              Dodge City, Kansas              67801              KS              United States              6202258100              nickh@dodgecity.org</p>	04/29/2024  id. 46364953
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<b>Original Submission</b>	04/29/2024
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Score	n/a	
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Part 1: Applicant Information		
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The name of the entity applying for the Build Kansas Fund:	City of Dodge City	
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Project Name:	US 56 Corridor - Re-MOO-ving Barriers to Elevate Rural America	
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Entity type:	Local Government	
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Applicant Contact Name:	Nickolaus Hernandez	
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Applicant Contact Position/Title:	City Manager	
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Applicant Contact Telephone Number:	+16206600885	
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Applicant Contact Email Address:	nickh@dodgecity.org	
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Applicant Contact Address:	City of Dodge City	
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Applicant Contact Address Line 2 (optional):	806 N. 2nd Ave.	
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Applicant Contact City:	Dodge City	

Applicant Contact State: Kansas

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Applicant Contact Zip Code: 67801

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Is the Project Contact the same as the Applicant Contact? Yes

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### Part 2: Build Kansas Fund - Eligibility Criteria

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Certify that you are pursuing a viable Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity for which your entity is eligible: Yes

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Certify that the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity you are pursuing has a required non-federal match component: Yes

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What is the primary county that the project will occur in? Ford County

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The Build Kansas Fund is intended to support Kansas-based infrastructure projects. Please provide a list of all the zip codes this project will be located in, along with an estimated percent [%] of the project located in that zip code. For example, if seeking funding for road infrastructure, provide a rough percent of the roads expected in each zip code:

[Zip Code Percentage.xlsx](#)

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Part 3: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) - Grant Application Information  
Please Note: This information is related to the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity to which you will apply. This is NOT information for the Build Kansas Match Fund.

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Please enter the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity title that the entity is applying for: Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant - Rural Surface Transportation Grant

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What is the funding agency for this Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity? U.S. Department of Transportation

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What is the Assistance Listing Number (ALN) for this Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity? 20.938

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What is the application due date for this Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity? 5/6/2024

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What is the federal fiscal year for this Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity? 2025

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Enter the amount of funding being applied for, from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity: \$40,641,492.00

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Enter the required non-federal match percentage: 20.0

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#### Part 4: Build Kansas Fund - Match Application Information

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Enter the non-federal match amount being requested from the Build Kansas Fund: \$7,620,280.00

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Is the project able to move forward with a lesser match amount than requested? No

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If you are awarded \$7,620,280.00 less match than the amount requested, at what amount would your project NOT be able to move forward?

Expected breakdown of funding sources to support the project: Enter the funding source and projected amount from each source to support this project:

[Kansas+DOT+table.xlsx](#)

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Part 5: Build Kansas Fund - Means Test

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Confirm that there are no available funding sources currently planned to go unused by your entity that could be leveraged for this project: Yes

Confirm there are no available American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) or Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund monies that could be used for this match: Yes

Confirm that you have explored other readily available funding sources (federal or non-federal) to be used for this match: Yes

Briefly describe your efforts to find other available funding sources for this project: Budgets of both Dodge City and Ford County were reviewed, and additional funds provided from these sources would be detrimental to the other functions of our local governments. This has been a local project priority in the planning phase for decades, however internal and external funding availability/opportunities have not been successful in order to responsibly finance a long-term solution.

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Part 6: Additional Information

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Please upload a copy of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) program application associated with this request OR a 2-page executive summary providing an overview of the project:

[2024.04.28\\_MPDG\\_Grant\\_Dodge\\_City\\_Executive\\_Summary.pdf](#)

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Provide any additional information about this project (optional):

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Part 7: Terms and Conditions

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Understanding of Fund Release Requirements: checked

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Understanding of Use of Funds: checked

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Understanding of Reporting Requirements: checked

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Authority to Make Grant Application: checked

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Persons and Titles: Nickolaus Hernandez  
The following persons are responsible for making this Build Kansas Fund application.

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Position/Title: City Manager

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Additional: Melissa McCoy

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Position/Title: Assistant City Manager

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Additional: Ray Slattery

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Position/Title: Director of Engineering Services

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Additional: Tanner Rutschman

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Position/Title: City Engineer

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## Internal Form

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Score n/a

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Pre-Award Information:

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Post-Award Information:

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Deviation Report:

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Source	Amount	Zip Code	% of project in zip code
BIL Federal Funds (applied for)	\$40,641,492	67801	100%
Build Kansas Funds (non-federal match)	\$7,620,280		in Kansas
Additional Project Contribution (if applicable)			
Ford County - Local Funds	\$1,270,047		
Dodge City - Local Funds	\$1,270,047		
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$ 50,801,866.00</b>		

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Project Overview

The City of Dodge City, Kansas, with support from Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), and Ford County, is pleased to submit this application for the Rural Surface Transportation Grant program (Rural) through the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (MPDG) for the *US 56 Corridor- Re-MOO-ving Barriers to Elevate Rural America* in Dodge City, KS (**Project**). This project focuses on improving safety and expanding infrastructure to increase economic activity in the region, which increases the sustainability and global competitiveness of the nation's beef and cheese industries.

This Project proposes to improve where three highways, US-56, US-400, and US-283, converge and cross BNSF Railway, **Figure 1**. Two of the world's largest beef processing facilities, National Beef and Cargill Meat Solutions, call this convergence home. Additionally, this project area will soon be home to a new Hilmar Cheese processing plant, **Figure 2**. Expanding the existing bridge, increasing efficiencies of the intersections, and adding multimodal facilities, will increase safety, reduce congestion, remove barriers for employees, and increase the economic viability of this unique and important cross-roads.

### Project Description

*US 56 Corridor- Re-MOO-ving Barriers to Elevate Rural America* includes two phases:

**Trail Street** – Final design is currently being completed and right-of-way is in the acquisition process. Funding is being requested for construction and construction engineering.

#### 1. Trail Street: West of Underpass Road to West of US-56/US-283/US-400

- Reconstruct with additional two-way left-turn lane throughout.
- Add 10-foot multi-use trail along north side and sidewalk along south side.
- Reconstruct 300 feet of Underpass Road including a new traffic signal.

**US-56/US-283/US-400** – Corridor study and conceptual layouts have been completed. Funding is being requested for design, right-of-way, utility relocation, and construction and construction engineering and management. To clarify improvements of this phase, descriptions are split into three sections:

#### 1. Wyatt Earp Boulevard: West of US-56/US-283 to 1000 feet east of Airport Road

- Add left-turn and right-turn turn lanes at US-56/US-283
- Add eastbound and westbound left-turn lanes and a westbound right-turn lane at Airport Road.
- Improve aesthetics to become an entrance to Dodge City from the east.

#### 2. US-56/US-283 Bridge: Wyatt Earp Boulevard through Trail Street

- Redeck existing bridge and widen from 2-lanes to 4-lanes.
- Add 10-foot multi-use trail along west side.
- Relocate access to Butter and Egg Road from US-56/US-283/US-400 to Trail Street east of the project area.

#### 3. Trail Street and US-56/US-283/US-400 Intersection

- Convert existing at-grade intersection to a single-point urban interchange (SPUI).
- Operational improvements to intersection with Love's Travel Stop.

## Project Location

The project is located at the convergence of three US Highways: US-56, US-283, and US-400 on the east side of Dodge City, Kansas within Ford County. This convergence is essentially the east bypass around Dodge City and provides connectivity for interstate traffic from New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Colorado through Kansas, **Figure 1**. The Project also acts as the eastern and southeastern gateways into Dodge City.

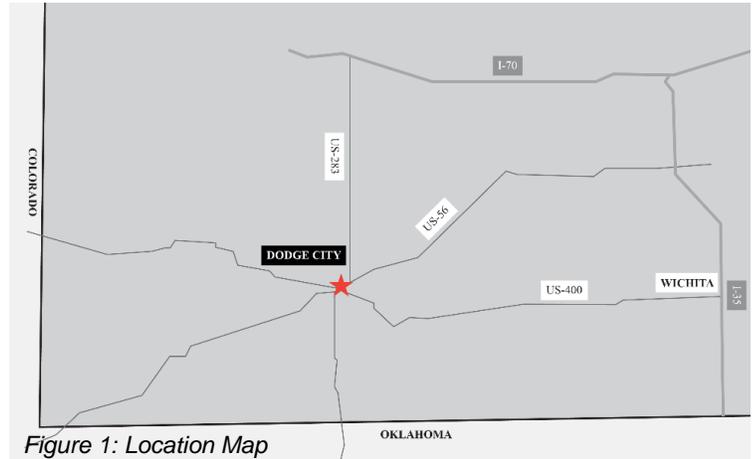


Figure 1: Location Map

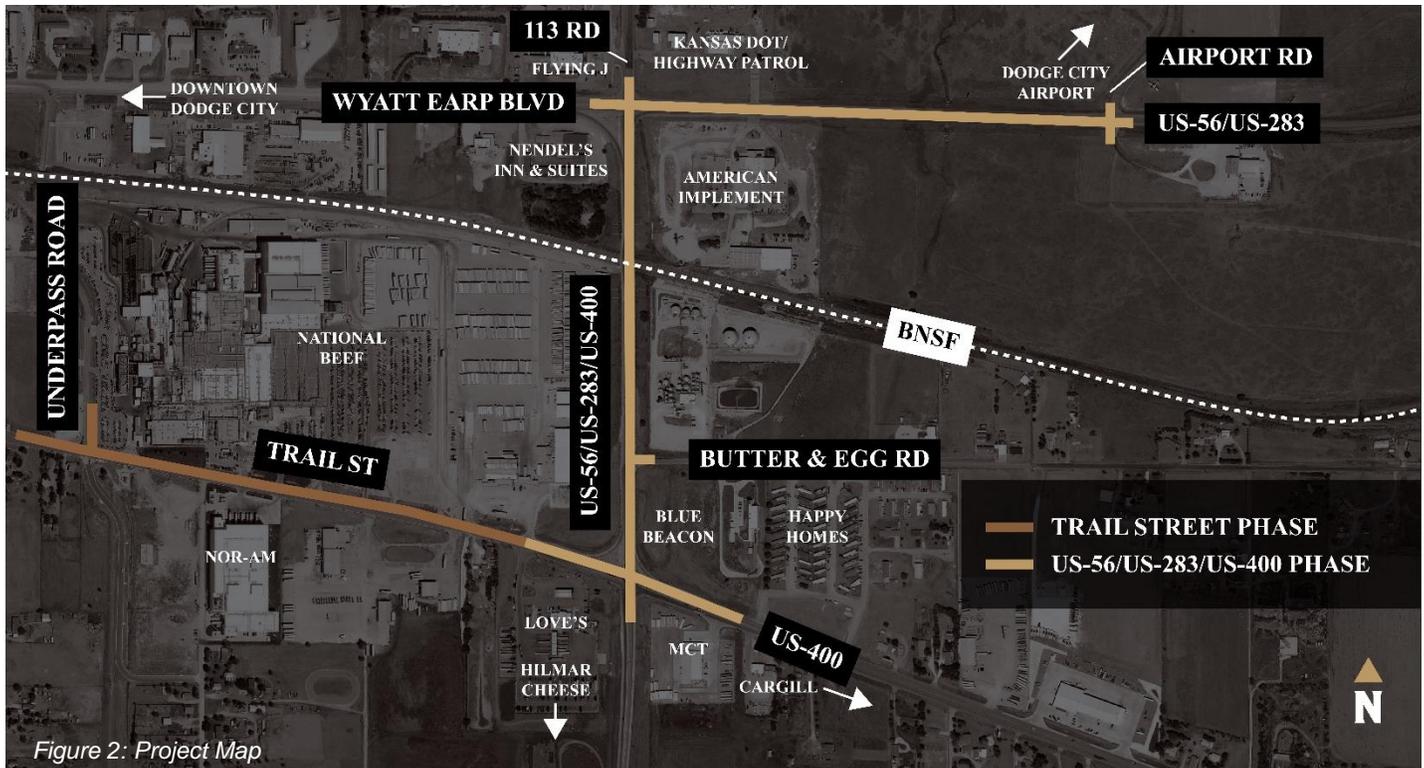


Figure 2: Project Map

## Local Support

Letters of support have been obtained from the following with numerous others anticipated:

- Senators Jerry Moran and Roger Marshall
- KS State Senator - Ron Ryckman
- KS House Representatives Jason Goetz and Gary White
- The Dodge City Area Chamber of Commerce
- Dodge City/Ford County Development Corporation
- USD 443 Dodge City Schools
- Cargill
- Kindsvater Trucking

## Project Budget

Dodge City is requesting a total of \$38,101,399 in MPDG funding (75%) to address operational, safety, and equity issues at the heart of nation’s beef industry. A total of \$12,700,466 non-federal funds (25%) will be provided by Dodge City (2.5%), Ford County (2.5%) and the State of Kansas’ Build Kansas Fund, **Table 1**.

The requested MPDG funding will be utilized for construction costs and construction engineering and management for the Trail Street phase. A contingency of 5 percent is proposed as improvements are currently in final design.

MPDG funding is for design, right-of-way, utility relocation, construction costs, and construction engineering and management for the US-56/US-283/US-400 phase. Based on initial concepts, it is anticipated that minimal right-of-way will need to be acquired. For the budget, a contingency of 20 percent is being proposed. Current unknowns include utility relocation costs, geotechnical impacts, and landscape and aesthetic improvements.

Previously incurred costs towards the **Project** from the City, County, and KDOT total \$5,970,697 and include:

- 2019 Trail Street Traffic Study \$25,800
- 2023 Trail Street and US-56 Study \$6,800
- US-56/US-283/US-400 Corridor Study \$297,600
- Trail Street Design \$640,497
- Trail Street Right of Way and Utility Relocation \$5,000,000

Table 1: Project Costs and Funding Sources

Project Costs									
Location/JP Number		Construction	Contingency*	Construction Eng. & Management (5%)	Design**	Right of Way & Utilities	Traffic & Corridor Studies	Total Anticipated Costs	Total Previously Incurred Costs
Trail Street	Anticipated Costs	\$6,506,091	\$325,305	\$341,570				\$7,172,966	
	Previously Incurred Costs				\$640,497	\$5,000,000	\$25,800		\$5,666,297
US-56/US-283/US-400	Anticipated Costs	\$30,160,071	\$5,952,015	\$1,805,605	\$3,611,209	\$2,100,000		\$43,628,900	
	Previously Incurred Costs						\$304,400		\$304,400
<b>Totals</b>								<b>\$50,801,866</b>	<b>\$5,970,697</b>

\*Contingency set at 20% for US-56/US-283/US-400 and 5% for Trail Street

\*\*Design fee is estimated at 10% for US-56/US-283/US-400; the actual design fee for Trail Street is shown

**Funding Sources**

Entity	\$ Amount	Percentage
Dodge City	\$1,270,047	2.5%
Ford County	\$1,270,047	2.5%
State of Kansas	\$10,160,373	20.0%
FY 24/25 MPDG	\$38,101,399	75.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$50,801,866</b>	<b>100%</b>