



**YOU SPEAK.
KDOT LISTENS.
TOGETHER, WE WORK.**

Thank you for joining us as part of 2021 Local Consult!
We are glad you are here.

Every two years, KDOT meets with Kansans to ask what has changed, what transportation improvements are needed, and what problems can we solve together. Our new 10-year, \$10 billion transportation improvement program we call “IKE” is built on your feedback. In Kansas, we call this public process Local Consult.

Based on our discussions with you during Local Consult, projects will be selected to enter the development pipeline or construction pipeline. New ideas will first enter the development pipeline for further examination, engineering, and planning. Project ideas that are further along, or ones that have already been in development, may then move into the construction pipeline. Local Consult helps inform these decisions.

In addition to gathering your thoughts and ideas, Local Consult provides you with a forum to ask KDOT questions, too. The IKE program’s commitment to transparency means that we can put real numbers to the significant progress we have made since our last Local Consult meetings in 2019.

For instance, you asked us to build flexibility into the new IKE program so new needs could be addressed more often than every 10 years. That is one of the reasons we are here today as part of a rolling two-year funding cycle. We know with flexibility comes a duty to be transparent and accountable. The IKE program website (www.ksdotike.org) provides more transparency than ever before.

Your feedback makes a difference. The feedback we hear from you as part of this year’s Local Consult will make the IKE program and the projects it funds even better. As Secretary, I want KDOT to be an engaged and trusted partner, especially when it comes to solving transportation challenges. Your family and community are the most affected by transportation issues — and your input helps us use your tax dollars wisely. Your participation in Local Consult is critical to solving the infrastructure challenges of your community today and far into the future.

THANK YOU,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Lorenz".

 Julie Lorenz



SECRETARY JULIE LORENZ
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