



Weekly Report

March 11, 2024

Taylor Bugg, Interim Communications Co-Director

City of Topeka begins 2025-2034 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) discussions

Over the coming weeks, City of Topeka staff will present the proposed 2025-2034 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to the Governing Body for consideration. Once the Governing Body has considered and ultimately adopted the final CIP book of projects, the CIP will be formalized through a resolution and ordinance.

What is the CIP?

The CIP is a long-range plan that helps ensure the annual operating budget, capital improvement budget, and long-term financial forecasts align and support the city's

strategic goals and infrastructure needs. The CIP is developed to identify how much funding the city will need to set aside in order to build and improve our infrastructure, lay out project locations, and determine the timing of all capital improvement projects over several years.

The CIP shows capital spending over the next 10 years and is separate from the City's annual operating budget. Funding for the CIP comes from a variety of sources including: sales tax, city operating funds, and revenue and general obligation bonds. The first 3 years of the CIP are referred to as the Capital Improvement Budget (CIB). The first year of the CIB consists of projects that will be initiated and/or completed during the upcoming year. The second- and third-year of the CIB includes projects that are in the preparation phase.

In order to be included in the CIP, a project should meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Real property acquisition
- Construction of new facilities and/or addition to an existing city facility costing \$50,000 or greater
- Public infrastructure projects
- Information technology projects costing \$50,000 or greater

Proposed 2025-2034 CIP Highlighted Projects

Public Works Projects

- Proposed funding increase for various street maintenance programs
 - Pavement Management Program and Street Contract Preventative Maintenance Program increased \$1.25m and \$1m respectively to totals of \$11m and \$3m. The Pavement Management Program provides support for

streets that qualify for mill and overlay, cracksealing and microsurfacing as treatment types. The city uses the pavement condition index (PCI) to determine the treatment type for a street. Generally, streets with a PCI between 31-55 will qualify for mill and overlay and streets with a PCI between 56-70 will qualify for cracksealing and microsurfacing as a treatment type.

- SW 29th – Burlingame Road to Topeka Boulevard
 - This project is slated for 2025 construction and includes road and stormwater improvements.
- SE 29th – Kansas Avenue to Adams
 - This project is slated for 2025 and will be coordinated with the bridge improvements being made over Butcher Creek.
- SW Topeka Boulevard – 15th to 21st
 - This project is pavement rehabilitation along the Boulevard. The project was originally scheduled for 2028, but has been moved up to 2025.

Utilities Projects

- **2025 program funding increased**
 - 2025 Water Main Replacement funding increased by \$1.6M and Wastewater Lining & Replacement increased by \$1.3M.
- **Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Maintenance & Rehabilitation Program**
 - Redistributed 2026 program funding to the 2025 and 2027 program years to encompass the large scale of projects included in the program.
- **SE California & SE 4th St**
 - This project is planned for 2026 and addresses capacity concerns in the basin as recommended in the Stormwater Master Plan.
- Prairie Road – SW 21st to SW 23rd St
 - This project is planned for 2025 and will upsize approximately 2600 LF of Storm sewer in an area

where significant flood impacts were observed in 2020.

Project Spending by Asset Type

The table to the right highlights various high-level categories that the city may appropriate CIP funding towards over the next five years:

| CIP Categories | 5 Year Totals |
|--|-----------------------|
| <i>Public Works: Street Projects</i> | \$ 199,155,236 |
| <i>Public Works: Non-Street Projects</i> | \$ 67,942,525 |
| <i>Water Projects</i> | \$ 125,112,862 |
| <i>Stormwater Projects</i> | \$ 48,923,704 |
| <i>Wastewater Projects</i> | \$ 95,105,000 |
| <i>Public Safety Expenditures</i> | \$ 22,897,134 |
| <i>Information Technology Expenditures</i> | \$ 3,615,540 |
| Totals | \$ 562,752,001 |

2023 CIP Project Accomplishments

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Road Construction Updates

- City of Topeka crews filled 882 potholes last week. 21,583 potholes have been filled so far in 2024.

NOTO Intersection Project to Begin Soon



The intersection improvement project for N Kansas Ave. & NW/NE Gordon St. in the NOTO Arts District will soon begin. Crews began improvement work in late February on the alley behind businesses to the east of the intersection. After the alley improvements are made, Kansas Ave. & Gordon St. will receive storm sewer, sidewalk, and curb & gutter work, as well as a raised table through the intersection. Work is expected to be complete by mid-May. In the meantime, a detour will be posted for drivers.

SW 25th St. Work Underway



Crews are replacing a deteriorated storm pipe just east of the SW 25th St. & SW Urish Rd. intersection. This is the first phase of a project that began in early February. Upcoming work on SW 25th Street spans from Urish Rd. to Kingsrow Rd. and will include mill and overlay with full depth patching where needed, curb and gutter replacement in some locations, and sidewalk ramp repairs. SW 25th Street is closed to thru-traffic for the duration of the project, which is estimated to last through the beginning of August.

Street Sweeping Update

City crews are currently sweeping in Area 3, which is from SW 6th Ave. to SW Huntoon St., between S Kansas Ave. and SW Fairlawn Rd. After completing Area 3, crews will move to Area 4. Area 4 is SW Huntoon St. to SW 21st St., between SW Fairlawn Rd. and S Kansas Ave.

Watch for the Street Sweeping sign posted at each end of your block the day before asking you to move your vehicle. This will allow crews to provide the best sweeping service. To view your Area, visit our searchable map on the city's website: <https://www.topeka.org/streetmaintenance/street-sweeping-program/>

City of Topeka Open Bid Opportunities


To view more information on each of the open bid opportunities listed below, visit the [City's ePro website](#). For more information on City purchasing, visit the [procurement website](#).

Anticipated bid opportunities in the upcoming weeks

| EVENT | SOLICITATION TYPE | CLOSING | EVENT NAME | REFERENCE |
|-------|-------------------|-----------------|---|---|
| 2951 | FORMAL | 3/12/24 2:00 PM | Street Maintenance Project T-841105.08 | SW Locations, Mill and Overlay T-841105.08 |
| 2960 | INFORMAL BID | 3/12/24 2:00 PM | Residential Demolition | 721 SE Highland Avenue, Topeka, KS |
| 2962 | INFORMAL BID | 3/13/24 2:00 PM | Clock 451 MGS Simulation Handguns | Clock 451 MGS Simulation Handguns |
| 2963 | INFORMAL BID | 3/14/24 2:00 PM | Modular EOD Tool Kits | Modular EOD Tool Kits |
| 2965 | INFORMAL BID | 3/19/24 2:00 PM | Respiratory Protection Systems | Respiratory Protection Systems |
| 2959 | RFP | 3/19/24 2:00 PM | Professional Engineering Services T-281168.00 | W. more Refurb & Chemo Bldg Upgrade T-281168.00 |
| 2961 | FORMAL | 3/20/24 2:00 PM | Street Maintenance Project T-841105.03 | HW Lower Silver Lake Road T-841105.03 |
| 2964 | FORMAL | 3/21/24 2:00 PM | Street Maintenance Project T-841105.05 | SE Locations, Mill and Overlay T-841105.05 |
| 2958 | RFP | 3/27/24 2:00 PM | MPO Pedestrian Master Plan Update | Pedestrian Master Plan Update |
| 2966 | FORMAL | 3/28/24 2:00 PM | Roadway Improvement Project T-701031.00 | SW Topeka Blvd, 29th St to 21st St T-701031.00 |

1. Formal construction bid for alley improvements in the area between Lincoln and Buchanan Streets under projects T-841200.01, T-291111.06, and T-291128.01
2. Formal construction bid for the rehabilitation of the relief well located at I-70 and MacVicar Ave to Auburndale
3. Formal construction bid for the street maintenance project including mill and overlay in SW Locations, T-841105.04
4. Formal construction bid for the street maintenance project including mill and overlay in SW Locations, T-841105.07
5. Formal construction bid for the watermain replacement at the Westboro Subdivision, SW Gage Blvd to Oakley and Huntoon, to 17th Street T-281250.02
6. Informal bid for landscaping improvements around various city facilities such as, City Hall/TPAC, Holliday Building, and Law Enforcement Center
7. Informal bid for liquid asphalt tack oil SS-1H for the Street Maintenance Department
8. Informal bid for procuring roadway salt for the Street Maintenance Department
9. Informal bid for procuring two Foxboro Model 9500A, IP68 Magnetic Flowmeters for the City of Topeka Utilities Department, SCADA Division
10. Informal bid for the construction of infill sidewalk improvements at NE Proubsky Drive T-601141.01
11. Informal bid for the supplier of BM2A hot mix asphaltic concrete for use by the Street Maintenance Department
12. Request for proposals for engineering and design services on the four outfall structures along the Kansas River

13. Request for proposals on the design-build project for selecting location and appropriate design for relocating the light duty fleet maintenance shop



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Join us for How to Start a Business
also featuring **from 6:30-7:30 p.m.**
How to Offer Your Goods & Services to the City of Topeka
Workshop Dates

| FEB | MAR | APR | MAY |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 21 | 20 | 17 | 15 |

| JUL | SEP | OCT | NOV |
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| 17 | 18 | 16 | 20 |

All workshops are held from
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Topeka & Shawnee County Public
Library, 1515 SW 10th Ave, Topeka,
KS 66604

Registration is required for each event session.
Register at washburnsmallbusiness.com or
ksbdc@washburn.edu or (785) 215-8375



REGISTER

www.topeka.org/procurement/

Questions? Call 785-368-3749

Learn how to do business with the City of Topeka!

Materials and reference guide now available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Recent Updates

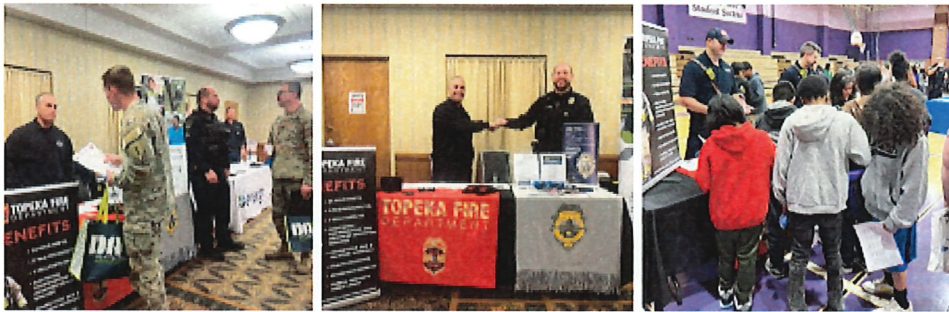
- The City of Topeka is looking for mowing professionals to add to its vendor list. When individuals call the Changing Our Culture of Property Maintenance's Mowing Initiative phone line, they will be connected with either a volunteer, or be provided with contact information to connect with a mowing professional from the list. The goal is to provide individuals with the information and resources, so they can take care of their properties and lawns. Email cocproperty@topeka.org or call 785-368-9530 to be added to the list!



- Mayor Michael Padilla recently attended Soup with the Mayor, a fundraiser for VIDA that helps to support English as a Second Language (ESL) courses for individuals in our community.



- Recently, TPD's Community Police Officers Sgt. Wilson and Ofc. Stricklin conducted robbery training with staff at Heritage Bank.
- Recently, the Public Safety team partnered with HR to participate in a Job Fair at Fort Riley to talk with military personnel and veterans about careers in public safety. TFD also took their recruiting efforts to Eisenhower Middle School for their Spring Career Fair and visited with students about working in the fire service.



- TFD Public Education Officer Ryan Neill visited with students at Randolph Elementary School to talk about fire safety.



- Mayor Padilla met with a group from the National League of Cities who were in the area celebrating their 100th anniversary.



- The next entry-level police officer exam is scheduled for March 23, 2024. Learn more at: <https://www.topeka.org/tpdrecruiting>
- The next entry-level firefighter exam is scheduled for April 26, 2024. Learn more at: <https://www.topeka.org/hr/fire-department-careers/>

Upcoming City of Topeka Events/Meetings

View the Public Meeting Calendar

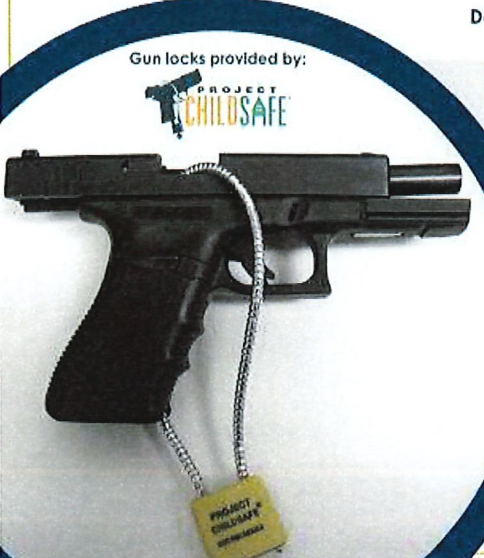
- **Tuesday, March 12** - 6 p.m. - Governing Body Meeting - City Council Chambers, 214 SE 8th Ave - [Watch live](#)
- **Tuesday, March 19** - 6 p.m. - Governing Body Meeting - City Council Chambers, 214 SE 8th Ave - [Watch live](#)

- The city's Homelessness Initiative Core and Auxiliary Team is meeting a few times throughout the next few weeks. Visit the city's [Public Meeting Calendar](#) for details.

A SMART GUN OWNER IS A SAFE GUN OWNER

The City of Topeka and the Topeka Police Department are partnering to distribute free gun locks to community members.

Gun locks provided by:



PROJECT CHILDSAFE

January 30, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Central Park Community Center, 1534 SW Clay St.

February 19, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
CRC Slout, 2303 SW College Ave.

March 18, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Hillcrest Community Center, 1800 SE 21st St.



April 10, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Crestview Community Center, 4801 SW Shunga Dr.

May 15, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Garfield Community Center, 1600 NE Quincy St.

June 10, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
CRC CARE Center, 455 SE Golf Park Blvd.

**FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED
ONE PER PARTICIPANT**

Questions? Contact Monique Glaudé at mglaude@topeka.org or 785-368-4470.

 **CITY OF TOPEKA**
 **TOPEKA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

PLANNING A COMMUNITY EVENT OR BLOCK PARTY IN THE CITY OF TOPEKA?

A special event permit is required for parades, running events and neighborhood block parties.

Special Event Permit Fees:

- \$50 fee for community events
- \$25 fee for block parties

Debris Deposit (required for community events, excluding neighborhood block parties)

- \$250 - Less than 5,000 people
- \$500 - More than 5,000 people

PLAN AHEAD: Application deadlines range from 4 to 12 weeks.

Download event permit applications at:
<https://bit.ly/COTSpecialEvents>

Need assistance?
Contact cclerk@topeka.org or 785-368-3940



CITY OF TOPEKA

About the Weekly Report

The Weekly Report is a weekly communication for city staff and the community. The report is developed by the City Communications Division and the City Manager's Office.

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The City of Topeka is proud to offer a comprehensive benefits package that includes health and dental insurance, generous paid vacation and sick leave, an on-site wellness clinic and fitness center and much more!

Ready to join our team? View a full list of current openings and apply at www.topeka.org/careers.



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**EMPLOYMENT & PROFESSIONAL
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*Shawnee County youth will be chosen & placed
in partnering businesses and non-profit
organizations for a 6-week program.*

OPEN TO YOUTH AGES 14-16

JUNE 10 - JULY 19, 2024

**WORK HOURS: M - TH, 9A-NOON,
& EVERY OTHER FRIDAY**

PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSIONS

Required Orientation: Sunday, April 7, 2024, 2P-4P
Fellowship Hi-Crest, 455 SE Golf Park Blvd.

- Youth must attend orientation with a legal guardian to be eligible for this program.
- Information includes: application process, how to dress for an interview, application completion, resume development & interview skills
- Youth in attendance can complete an application
- Interview dates: Sunday, April 14 & 21, 2P-4P at Fellowship Hi-Crest

**PAY:
\$7.25/HR.**



Questions? Contact
Joy Renee Simpson,
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jrsimpson@topeka.org

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www.topeka.org

For Immediate Release

Press release attributed to: LT Matt Danielson

Contact for further information: TPD Media Unit, tpdmedia@topeka.org

March 10th, 2024

Topeka Police arrest aggravated robbery suspect

TOPEKA, Kan. – On March 10th, just after 11:00 a.m., officers from the Topeka Police Department responded to a report of a robbery to an individual that had just occurred in the 1300 block of SW 6th Street. The victim was reportedly battered, and personal items were taken from them.

A suspect description was provided, and responding officers located an individual matching that description walking away from the area. She was taken into custody and found to be in possession of some of the victim's items.

Detectives assisted with the case, and as a result of the investigation, Robyn Brown, 29, of Topeka was arrested and booked into the Shawnee County Department of Corrections on the following charges:

Aggravated Robbery

Battery

Theft

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is encouraged to email telltpd@topeka.org or contact the Topeka Police Criminal Investigation Bureau at [785-368-9400](tel:785-368-9400). Anonymous tips can be made by calling Shawnee County Crime Stoppers at [785-234-0007](tel:785-234-0007). You can also make anonymous tips online at www.p3tips.com/128.

All persons charged with a criminal offense are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Monique Glaude

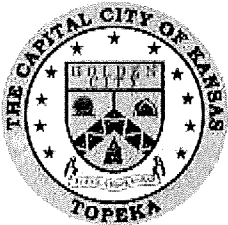
From: Lee Holmes
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 10:34 AM
Subject: SE High: SE 4th to SE 2nd Terrace Closed - Pavement and Storm Sewer Repair

Intersection of SE 4th Street starting pavement and storm sewer repair; requires SE High: SE 4th to SE 2nd Terrace to be closed. Local traffic will have access via SE 2nd Terrace to residential homes. The closure starts today March 11, 2024 and will last two (2) weeks, opening on March 25, 2024.

Contact:

COT – Steve Anschutz – 785-368-1984 or 785-969-0896
COT – Kent Pelton – 785-368-3842
COT – Lee Holmes – 785-368-3842

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From: Lee Holmes
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 1:30 PM
Subject: Polk-Quincy Utility Project No. 3 TTC - Detour 1st Street

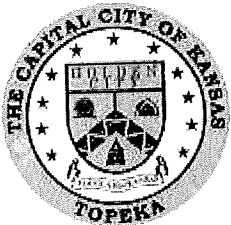
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Closure starts: Wednesday March 13, 2024 and will be closed for eight (8) months, approximately middle of November 2024.

Contact:

Bartlett & West – Stuart Hazard - Stuart Hazard stuart.hazard@bartwest.com – 785-272-2252
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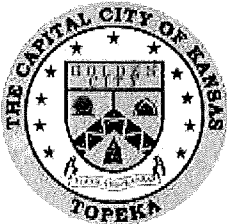
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Monique Glaude

From: Lee Holmes
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 2:08 PM
To: Traffic Disruptions
Subject: FW: Polk-Quincy Utility Project No. 3 TTC - Detour 1st Street

A CLARIFICATION: Access on and off of I-70 at 1st Street will be maintained during this project detour.

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50/50 SIDEWALK APPLICATION



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Phone 785-368-3842

Fax 785-368-3881

Email 50-50sidewalk@topeka.org

Address of Substandard Sidewalk

Name

Mailing Address

City, State

Zip

Phone

Email

Holliday Building
620 SE Madison,
2nd Floor, unit #7
Topeka, KS 66607

All applications will be reviewed and all applicants will receive a response.

If your household income is at or below HUDs 80% Income Limit* based on the number of members in your household, you could qualify for additional funding assistance. See chart below.

| 80% Income Limit* | 1 Person | 2 Person | 3 Person | 4 Person | 5 Person | 6 Person | 7 Person | 8 Person |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | \$46,350 | \$52,950 | \$59,550 | \$66,150 | \$71,450 | \$76,750 | \$82,050 | \$87,350 |

*Income limit is determined by HUD and may change from year to year.

- ☐ Check the box if you think you qualify. For qualifying purposes, **please provide your birthdate:** _____.
A City staff person may contact you as part of the qualifying process.

50/50 Sidewalk Repair Program

Purpose

The City of Topeka accepts applications to remove and replace defective concrete and brick sidewalks through a cost-sharing plan of 50% paid by the City of Topeka and 50% paid by the property owner. Additional funding assistance could be available for those who are income-qualified or in a priority area.

General Qualifying Criteria

- The property must be classified as residential. In addition, the property must be owner-occupied if applying for funding assistance.
- The sidewalk must be in violation of the city standards for sidewalk maintenance and or ADA standards. Violations include a 1-inch or more trip hazard, uneven brick surface, a severe cross slope that would be dangerous for pedestrians and those in wheelchairs, and concrete that has deteriorated into gravel.
- Brick replacement/repair will be allowed per the city's brick sidewalk policy, but the City's share will be determined based on 50% of a concrete sidewalk.
- The project does not include the cleaning of brick sidewalks or the installation of ADA accessible ramps.
- Property owners cost share must be received prior to the property being added to the list unless homeowner qualifies for funding assistance.
- The property owner must not have outstanding construction permit violations and no outstanding indebtedness to the city.

Note: Funding is limited and is available on a first come, first serve basis. However, priority will be given to areas deemed by the Planning Department to be in high pedestrian demand according to the Pedestrian Master Plan including primary school routes, transit linkages, etc.