

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE



PROJECT REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2025

1-CENT SALES TAX PROJECT CATEGORIES

Beautification
Community Development
Economic Development
Infrastructure

Crime, Drug, &
Alcohol Prevention
Housing
Project Maintenance

Completed Projects

Common Consumption Area Signage

Staff have completed installation of signage and pavement markings needed Downtown to facilitate requirements for the new Common Consumption Area. The Common Consumption Area allows patrons to carry alcoholic beverages in plastic cups with labels from licensed businesses on public sidewalks and crosswalks inside the CCA boundary from the hours of noon to 11:59 p.m. This economic development initiative is expected to help activate Downtown Liberal and better facilitate special event requests within the defined area.



Curbs & Sidewalks

Our Street Department employees have finished reconstruction of curbs and sidewalks along N. Washington Ave. between 2nd Street and 4th Street. The sidewalk path on the south side of Country Club Park was also recently relocated off the roadway to improve safety.

Current Projects

CityBus Transit Facility

A contractor bid was awarded to Seaton Construction Group in September for the new CityBus Transit Facility project. The facility will provide secure indoor parking for the bus fleet and staff office space. The project is funded in large part by the Kansas Dept. of Transportation with matching grants from the 1-Cent Sales Tax.

Rock Island Depot Repair

Replacement of the Rock Island Depot roof began this month and is anticipated to be completed within six weeks. The city was awarded \$77k from the Kansas Historical Society's Heritage Trust Fund program with remaining funds coming from the 1-Cent Sales Tax. Further repairs to the building's gutter system and foundation will also be required.



Light Park Fitness Court

Our fitness court at Light Park is expected to be installed by the end of October. The project is located on the walking path north of Adventure Bay Water Park. The court will include outdoor workout equipment, turf surfacing, shade, and other amenities.

Park Lighting

Park pathway lighting installation is wrapping up at Country Club Park following the relocation of the South sidewalk. Mahuron Park and Blue Bonnet Park will soon receive solar pole lighting.

Water Park Facility Assessment

A recent facility audit performed at Adventure Bay Family Water Park identified several mechanical and structural repairs would be required to continue operating the water park into the future. Repair costs are expected to exceed \$1.7M. A general overhaul and reconstruction of a new facility is expected to cost more than \$7.6M. The Commission is scheduling a work session to further discuss the assessment findings and next steps.



Program Reports

Housing Programs

The following awards were provided for housing programs from January-September 2025:

PROGRAM	# AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE
Paint-the-Town	80	\$40,000
First Time Homebuyer	38	\$114,000
Housing Construction Incentive	11	\$82,500
Emergency Home Repair	72	\$207,875
*NEW: Fence Program	0	\$0



Façade Improvement Program

The following façade grant program awards were provided from January-September 2025:

PROGRAM	# AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE
Façade Grant	7	\$62,512