

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE



PROJECT REPORT

NOVEMBER 2025

1-CENT SALES TAX PROJECT CATEGORIES

Beautification
Community Development
Economic Development
Infrastructure

Crime, Drug, &
Alcohol Prevention
Housing
Project Maintenance

Current Projects



CityBus Transit Facility

We hosted a groundbreaking ceremony in December 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. Construction is expected to be completed in August 2026.

Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant

Staff are currently preparing a project management plan for approval by the Federal Railroad Administration which will then allow environmental studies and community outreach to begin in the Spring of 2026.



Water Park Facility Improvements

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. Staff hosted hundreds of visitors for an interactive open house at City Hall prior to the Downtown Christmas Parade to share their ideas for a future facility. A public survey has also been published and is available on our website homepage.

Park Lighting

Park pathway lighting installation is complete at McCray Park, Country Club Park and Mahuron Park. Staff began installing pole lighting at Blue Bonnet Park last week. This project is expected to be completed before Christmas.

Upcoming Projects

Community Dog Park

Following a land transfer from USD 480 for a land parcel near McCray Park, staff are preparing to construct a community dog park near Pine Street & Pershing Avenue. The facility will feature a large yard and smaller yard for different activity levels.

Arkalon Park Upgrades

Commission approval has been received in order to schedule a roadway mill and overlay for the paved road at Arkalon Park during the off-season. Work is also underway to present plans for a remodel of the Arkalon bathhouse to create private, secured restroom pods for visitors. The goal is for both upgrades to be complete by the April 1, 2026 season reopening.



Willow Tree Golf Course Upgrades

Staff will soon begin replacing golf cart paths throughout the course. Upgrades to the outdoor gathering spaces near the clubhouse are also planned to begin in early 2026.

Public Facility Signage Updates

Signs at many of our public facilities feature outdated branding and have experienced significant deterioration over the past 15+ years. Staff are preparing cost-effective options to reskin signage for a more vibrant, updated appearance.

Program Reports

Housing Programs

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

PROGRAM	# AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE
Paint-the-Town	82	\$41,000
First Time Homebuyer	41	\$123,000
Housing Construction Incentive	13	\$97,500
Emergency Home Repair	99	\$297,000
Fence Program	1	\$3,000

Staff and leadership have been discussing proposals for a new sidewalk program incentive to help improve connectivity for sidewalks across residential and commercial properties.

Façade Improvement Program

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

PROGRAM	# AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE
Façade Grant	8	\$72,512