

# FOCUS ON THE FUTURE



## PROJECT REPORT

DECEMBER 2025

# 1-CENT SALES TAX PROJECT CATEGORIES

Beautification  
Community Development  
Economic Development  
Infrastructure

Crime, Drug, &  
Alcohol Prevention  
Housing  
Project Maintenance

## Current Projects



### Doll Housing Addition

The City of Liberal held a groundbreaking celebration in coordination with French Construction for the construction of infrastructure for the new Doll Housing Addition in Southeast Liberal. Located east of Griffith Ave. near Seymour Rogers Middle School, the development will facilitate completion of 66 new single-family homes. Approximately \$1.5 million dollars in One-Cent Sales Tax funds will be used to construct streets, drainage, and other capital improvements to kickstart the project. Funds are reimbursed to the City fund by local property taxes generated from increased property values from the new homes under a Reinvestment Housing Incentive District (RHID) arrangement. The new homes are expected to be valued under \$250,000.

## **Curb & Sidewalk Replacement**

Our Street Department continues to stay very busy with concrete work. More curb and sidewalk replacement in the Downtown area and the intersection of Kansas Ave. and Pancake Blvd. have made noticeable improvements to appearance and safety.

## **CityBus Transit Facility**

The CityBus Transit Facility located at E. Fourth Street and N. New York Ave. continues to make fast progress. 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 have created required project management planning and will begin issuing Requests for Proposals for professional consulting services to begin in Quarter 1 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. Public engagement activities were conducted in December to gain input from residents about what they envision for a future water park facility. Recent sonar analysis to assess voids under the current site indicates there are significant problems to address. We are exploring options for next steps with our Commissioners. The existing facility will be open in Summer 2026.



## **Upcoming Projects**

### **Community Dog Park**

Staff are in the planning stages for creation of a community dog park near McCray Park at Pine Street and Pershing Avenue. The facility will feature a large yard and smaller yard for different activity levels. Off-street parking will also be addressed with the project.



## Arkalon Park Upgrades

Staff are working 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

Street Department crews will soon replace golf cart paths throughout the Willow Tree Golf 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

## Façade Improvement Program

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

| PROGRAM      | 2025 TOTAL # AWARDS | 2025 TOTAL \$ AWARDS |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Façade Grant | 8                   | \$72,512             |

# Housing Programs

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

| PROGRAM                        | 2025 TOTAL # AWARDS | 2025 TOTAL \$ AWARDS |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Paint-the-Town                 | 82                  | \$41,000             |
| First Time Homebuyer           | 41                  | \$123,000            |
| Housing Construction Incentive | 13                  | \$97,500             |
| Emergency Home Repair          | 87                  | \$233,874            |
| Fence Program                  | 1                   | \$3,000              |

## **NEW** – Sidewalk Install or Repair Program:

In an effort to improve pedestrian safety and community walkability, a new Sidewalk Install or Repair Program was introduced and approved by our City Commission. The program will calculate incentive rates per square foot to provide up to \$1,500 per residential property or up to \$2,500 per commercial property for sidewalk repair or installation. Eligible property owners will be reimbursed \$1 per square foot for installation or repair. Reimbursement will be \$2 per square foot if an installation extends an existing section of sidewalk. Property owners are eligible for \$3 reimbursement per square foot in reimbursement if their sidewalk repair or replacement is located along a prioritized route recognized in the Launch Liberal 2035 Comprehensive Plan. For more information, residents may contact the Building Department at City Hall.