

Build Kansas Fund | Fiscal Year 2026 Application Package | Memo



To: Senator Rick Billinger, Chair, Build Kansas Advisory Committee
Chardae Caine, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Shauna Wake, Office of the Kansas State Treasurer

From: Jason Fizell, Interim Executive Director, Kansas Infrastructure Hub

RE: Build Kansas Fund Application #2025-147-SCKEDD

Date: July 22, 2025

Attached, please find an application made to the Build Kansas Fund by the City of Halstead. The application packet includes the following items:

- Coversheet – provides a high-level overview of the application including a unique identification number, page 1 of 12 of the Build Kansas Fund Application Package.
- Build Kansas Fund Application – includes information submitted with the Build Kansas Fund Application, pages 2-8. Page 8 provides the table of funding sources and zip codes served by the project.
- Attachments – Project narrative and project map, pages 9-12.

Project Overview

The City of Halstead seeks funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation for funding available through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program for their Halstead, Kansas Safety Action Plan project which includes developing a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan to identify and address roadway safety concerns, reduce crashes, and guide future infrastructure investments.

This opportunity is a discretionary IIJA program with a local match requirement of 20% of the total project cost. The entity is requesting \$47,500.00 from the Build Kansas Fund, and is providing a local match of \$2,500.00. This request has the potential to unlock \$200,000.00 in federal funds, for a total project cost of \$250,000.00.

The deadline was June 26, 2025, and this Build Kansas Fund application was received on June 11, 2025.

Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee Recommendation

The Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee reviewed this application on June 25, 2025 following a successful completeness check. The Steering Committee **RECOMMENDS APPROVAL** of Build Kansas Funding to the Build Kansas Advisory Committee for final advice.

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Application Package | Coversheet



Build Kansas Fund Application Number	2025-147-SCKEDD
Applicant Name	City of Halstead
Application Date Received	6/11/2025
Project Name	Halstead, Kansas Safety Action Plan
Project Description	Develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan to identify and address roadway safety concerns, reduce crashes, and guide future infrastructure investments
Entity Type	Local Government
Economic Development District (EDD) Planning Commission	South Central KS Economic Development District
Infrastructure Sector(s)	Transportation
BIL Program	Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program
BIL Program Type	Discretionary
Application Type	Planning
BIL Application Deadline	6/26/2025
Build Kansas Fund Request	\$47,500.00
Technical Assistance Received	General Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	BIL Application Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Build Kansas Fund Application Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (Brief Description): Provided General TA and BKF Application Support.
Application Notes	Build Kansas Fund contribution of \$47,500.00 will unlock \$200,000.00 in federal BIL funding, with a local cash contribution of \$2,500.00, for a total project cost of \$250,000.00.
Steering Committee Funding Recommendation	6/25/2025 Recommend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Declined <input type="checkbox"/>
Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation	7/22/2025 Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Declined <input type="checkbox"/>

Title	City of Halstead, Kansas	06/12/2025
	by Ethan Reimer in Build Kansas Fund Application	id. 50799705
	303 Main St PO Box 312 Halstead, Kansas 67056 KS United States 316-835-2286 ereimer@halsteadks.com	

Original Submission	06/17/2025
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Score	n/a
Part 1: Applicant Information	
The name of the entity applying for the Build Kansas Fund:	City of Halstead, Kansas
Project Name:	Halstead, Kansas Safety Action Plan
Entity type:	Local Government
Entity Population:	2,179
Applicant Contact Name:	Ethan Reimer
Applicant Contact Position/Title:	City Manager
Applicant Contact Telephone Number:	+13168352286
Applicant Contact Email Address:	ereimer@halsteadks.gov
Applicant Contact Address:	303 Main St
Applicant Contact Address Line 2 (optional):	
Applicant Contact City:	Halstead

Applicant Contact State: Kansas

Applicant Contact Zip Code: 67056

Is the Project Contact the same as the Applicant Contact? Yes

Part 2: Build Kansas Fund - Eligibility Criteria

Certify that you are pursuing an Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity for which your entity is eligible: Yes

Certify that the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity you are pursuing has a required non-federal match component: Yes

What is the primary county that the project will occur in? Harvey County

The Build Kansas Fund is intended to support Kansas-based infrastructure projects. Please provide a list of all the zip codes this project will be located in, along with an estimated percent [%] of the project located in that zip code. For example, if seeking funding for road infrastructure, provide a rough percent of the roads expected in each zip code:

[Zip Code Percentage.xlsx](#)

Part 3: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) - Grant Application Information Please Note: This information is related to the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity to which you will apply. This is NOT information for the Build Kansas Match Fund.

Please enter the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity title that the entity is applying for: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

What is the funding agency for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity? U.S. Department of Transportation

What is the Assistance Listing Number (ALN) for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity? 20.939

What is the federal application due date for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity? 6/26/2025

Application Type: Planning

What is the federal fiscal year for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity? 2025

Enter the amount of funding being applied for, from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity: \$200,000.00 for a total project cost of \$250,000.00

Enter the total project cost: \$250,000.00

Enter the required non-federal match percentage: 20%

Part 4: Build Kansas Fund - Match Application Information Beginning in July 2024 and moving forward, eligible applicants are expected to contribute a portion of the non-Federal match requirement. This contribution can be in the form of cash and/or in-kind contributions. The goal is to demonstrate the applicant's commitment to the project. The contribution should be significant enough relative to the Build Kansas Fund request. For a local public entity, 5% of the non-federal match is a good guideline, but not a requirement. See Build Kansas Fund Program Guidance for exceptions and more information.

Enter the non-federal cash match amount being requested from the Build Kansas Fund:	\$47,500.00 for a total project cost of \$250,000.00
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Enter the non-federal cash match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable:	\$2,500.00 for a total project cost of \$250,000.00
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Enter the estimated value of the non-federal in-kind match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable:	0
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Expected breakdown of funding sources to support the project: Enter the funding source and projected amount from each source to support this project:

[Kansas+DOT+table_V2.xlsx](#)

Part 5: Build Kansas Fund - Means Test and Eligible Applicant Match

What other available funding sources that are currently planned to go unused by your entity will be leveraged for this project?	None, the City allocates its annual budget each year. For the 2025 budget, we do not anticipate having any unused funds – which is the case for all of our annual budgets.
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Will any American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) or Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund monies will be used for the non-federal match?	N/A
What other sources of in-kind match will be leveraged for this project? Please list and include the actual or estimated value of each.	N/A
What other funding sources (local, federal, or non-federal) will be used for this match?	Local funding match will be coming from the city's Capital Improvement Fund and specifically those funds designated for capital street planning and improvements.
Describe your efforts to find other available funding sources for this project:	The city is unable to find other funding sources for a project as specific as a Safety Action Plan regarding our infrastructure and long-term planning and evaluation. There have been conservative budgeting efforts in recent years to make sure money is being used wisely, as the city has a relatively small tax base to begin with. None of the KDOT programs pay for planning studies, with the exception of Safe Routes to School, and we have not been able to find any other State, private, or Federal programs that pay for this type of planning study for a local government.
Part 6: Additional Information	
Please upload a draft or final version of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) program grant application associated with this request OR an executive summary providing an overview of the project:	
Halstead_Planning_Grant_Application_DRAFT_002.pdf	
Provide any additional information about this project not covered in previous sections of this application (optional):	The City of Halstead is working with Professional Engineering Consultants (PEC) so far on technical assistance regarding the application for the SS4A opportunity.
Part 7: Terms and Conditions	
Understanding of Fund Release Requirements:	checked

Understanding of Use of Funds: checked

Understanding of Reporting Requirements: checked

Authority to Make Grant Application: checked

Persons and Titles: Ethan Reimer
The following persons are responsible for making this Build Kansas Fund application.

Position/Title: City Manager, City of Halstead

Additional: Kristen Zimmerman

Position/Title: Team Lead - Transportation Planning, PEC

Additional:

Position/Title:

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Position/Title:

Source	Amount	% of Project
Build Kansas Funds (non-federal match)	\$47,500.00	19.00%
Eligible Applicant Cash Match	\$2,500.00	1.00%
Eligible Applicant In-Kind Match (estimated value)	\$0.00	0%
BIL Federal Funds (applied for)	\$200,000.00	80.00%
Additional Project Contribution (if applicable)	\$0.00	0%
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$250,000.00	100%

***Applicant satisfies recommended match contribution of 5% of the required match**

Zip Code	% of project in zip code
67056	100%
	100% In Kansas

Introduction

The city of Halstead, Kansas, is requesting funding for the development of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. Included in this plan will be the seven components for a successful safety action plan: commitment from leadership, planning structure, safety analysis of the entire town, engagement and collaboration with the public and key stakeholders, policy and process recommendations, strategic project selections, and transparent progress monitoring.

Halstead is located in Harvey County, approximately 12 miles west of the largest city in the County, Newton. Halstead is the second largest city in Harvey County. The population was 2,179 in 2020 with 831 households, nearly 40% of which have children under 18. As of the 2016-2020 American Community Survey, the median household income is \$51,944. Over 15% of the population is under the poverty line.

Project Scope

A Comprehensive Safety Action Plan will be developed for the City of Halstead for the entirety of transportation network (streets, sidewalks, city rights of way, K-89) located within the city limits of Halstead. The Plan will be developed in close partnership with stakeholders (including KDOT) and grounded in authentic public input, by identifying engagement activities that inform, involve, and empower stakeholders and the public. In addition, a literature review of best practices from peer communities and FHWA proven safety countermeasures, a crash analysis, and growth forecasts will lead to identification of emphasis areas, and the high risk network. Countermeasures (and associated costs, scopes, and elements) will be proposed, as well as other non-capital recommendations, and included with visualizations and a Vision Zero toolkit, as well as the final Plan document.

Roadway Safety Issues

Between the years of 2019-2023, there were 32 total crashes on Halstead's roads. One of these crashes resulted in a disabling injury, and one involved the railroad tracks going through town. While most of the crashes were minor injury or property damage only, they are clustered along certain roads and intersections in town, predominantly Main Street, as well as 2nd, 3rd, and 6th Streets. Main Street had a fatality crash involving a child 15 years ago, which still lives in the city's shared memory. These warrant further investigation to prevent serious crashes from taking place in Halstead in the future.

There are areas in town with high freight traffic that are not designed for it and thus require frequent maintenance while increasing safety hazards. Pedestrian infrastructure is also

disjointed throughout town, causing safety problems for people walking or cycling through town.

How this Funding Will Reduce Crashes

The creation of a Safety Action Plan will help rural Halstead to reduce serious crashes in an affordable and efficient way. The safety action plan is a cost-effective way to determine various high-impact strategies for the entire city. This study will also help Halstead identify near-miss zones, ensuring that the future of the town's roadways remain safe. The safety action plan will identify the most effective, low cost, and helpful strategies for preventing crashes and increasing safety for all road users.

Public Engagement

Engagement with the public will be planned carefully to involve project branding to create a consistent logo and slogan for the plan to be recognized around the community. A project website will be established to allow the public to view plan progress and provide feedback at any time. There will be at least four meetings with a curated steering committee to guide the project and make sure it is the best fit for Halstead and includes representatives from local, regional, and state-level stakeholders. A survey will be used, available online and on paper. The rest of the engagement will take place in three rounds – Building Understanding, Building Momentum, and Building a Foundation for Success. Within each round there will be separate public events, social media and email blast campaigns, and stakeholder sessions. Each phase and event will be summarized in the final plan document.

Technology & Effectiveness

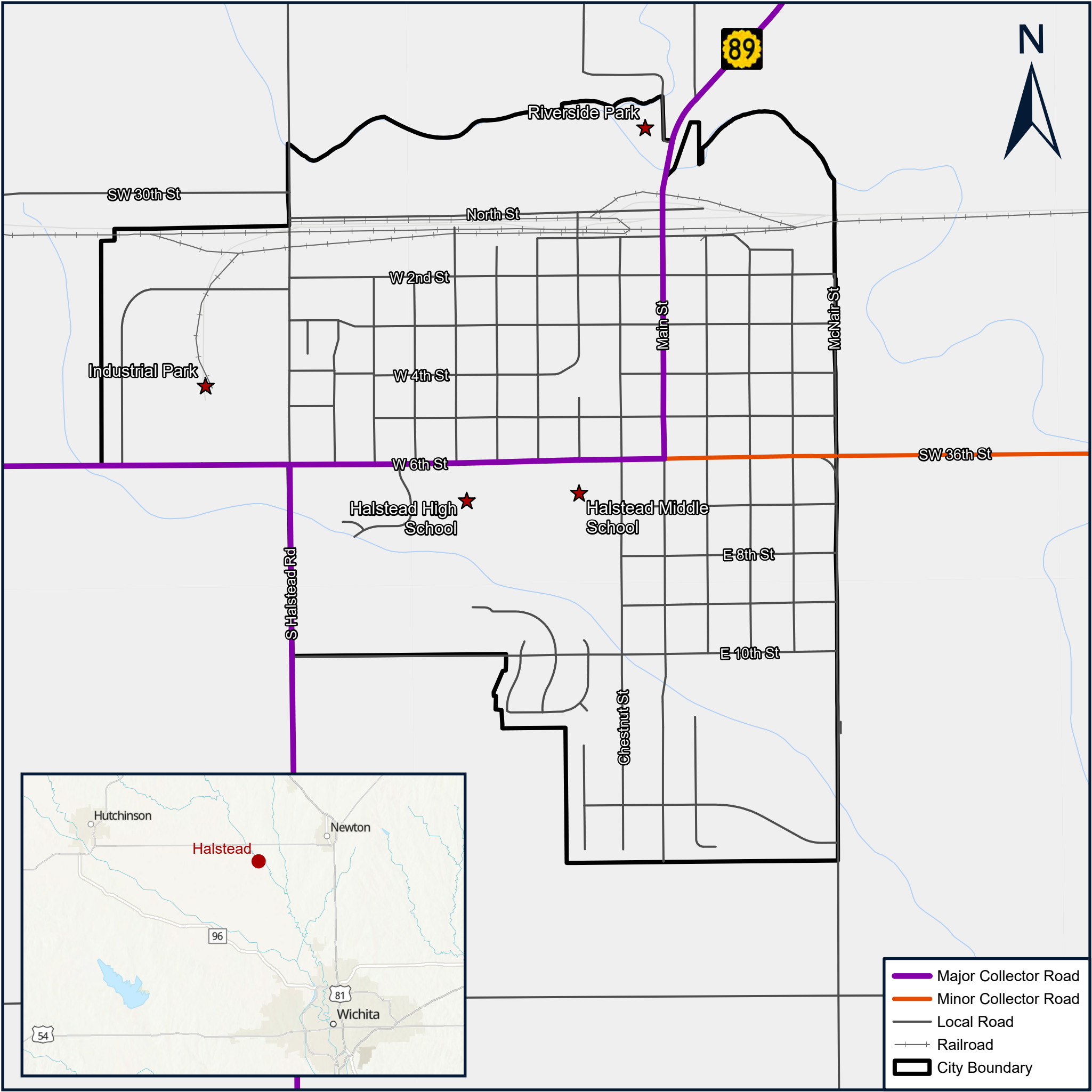
With new standards of practice being discovered, developing this action plan in 2026 will mean the best and most innovative technologies for safety can be deployed, keeping affordability as an important emphasis. With the Safe Streets for All program's continued success, there is ongoing availability of evidence-based solutions that will be prioritized in Halstead's action plan.

Budget Update

The City of Halstead has applied through the Build Kansas fund (<https://www.kshub.gov/build-kansas-fund/build-kansas-fund-overview>) for a portion of the local match requirement. At the time of the federal grant submission, the City is awaiting the decision of the State to contribute the State portion. The Build Kansas fund has partnered with many entities in Kansas on federal grant match requirements, and as such, the budget included in this application includes their portion.

Conclusion

Developing a safety action plan will allow the city of Halstead to prioritize projects for maximum reduction of roadway crashes while using funds wisely and proactively.



- Major Collector Road
- Minor Collector Road
- Local Road
- Railroad
- City Boundary