

Build Kansas Fund | Fiscal Year 2026

Application Package | Memo



To: Representative Troy Waymaster, Chair, Build Kansas
Advisory Committee
Chardae Caine, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Shauna Wake, Office of the Kansas State Treasurer

From: Shawn Wesner, Executive Director, Kansas Infrastructure Hub

RE: **2026-194-SCKEDD City of Winfield**

Date: July 16, 2026

Attached, please find an application made to the Build Kansas Fund by the City of Winfield. 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 2-7. Page 8 provides the table of funding sources and zip codes served by the project.
- Attachments – Project narrative, pages 9-12.

Project Overview

The City of Winfield seeks funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation for funding available through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program for their From Hazard to Safe Passage: Simpson Avenue and Viking Boulevard Safety project which includes implementing multimodal safety improvements along Simpson Avenue and Viking Boulevard to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety, reduce crashes, and create safer access to schools and community destinations.

This opportunity is a discretionary IIJA program with a local match requirement of 20% of the total project cost. The entity is requesting \$1,181,425.00 from the Build Kansas Fund, and is providing a local cash match of \$62,180.00. This request has the potential to unlock \$4,974,420.00 in federal funds, for a total project cost of \$6,218,025.00.

The deadline was May 26, 2026, and this Build Kansas Fund application was received on May 5, 2026.

Previously Awarded BKF

Program/Fiscal Year	BKF Amount	Federal Award Status	BKF Status
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee Recommendation

The Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee reviewed this application on May 27, 2026 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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Build Kansas Fund Application Number	2026-194-SCKEDD		
Applicant Name	City of Winfield		
Application Date Received	5/5/2026		
Project Name	From Hazard to Safe Passage: Simpson Ave. & Viking Blvd. Safety Project		
Project Description	Implement multimodal safety improvements along Simpson Avenue and Viking Boulevard to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety, reduce crashes, and create safer access to schools and community destinations.		
Entity Type	Local Government		
Economic Development District (EDD)	South Central KS Economic Development District		
Infrastructure Sector(s)	Transportation		
IIJA Program	Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)		
IIJA Program Type	Discretionary		
Application Type	Implementation		
IIJA Application Deadline	5/26/2026		
Build Kansas Fund Request	\$1,181,425.00		
Technical Assistance Received	General	Yes ☒	No ☐
	IIJA Application	Yes ☒	No ☐
	Build Kansas Fund Application	Yes ☒	No ☐
Application Notes	Build Kansas Fund contribution of \$1,181,425.00 will unlock \$4,974,420.00 in federal IIJA funding, with a local cash contribution of \$62,180.00, for a total project cost of \$6,218,025.00.		
Previously Awarded BKF Applications (If Applicable)	Program/FY	BKF Amount	Status
	N/A	N/A	N/A
Steering Committee Funding Recommendation	5/27/2026 Recommend ☒ Declined ☐		
Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation	7/16/2026 Recommend ☐ Declined ☐		

Title	CITY OF WINFIELD, KANSAS	05/05/2026
	by Amy Kellner in Build Kansas Fund Application	id. 54044504
	akellner@winfieldks.org	

Original Submission	05/05/2026
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Score	n/a
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Part 1: Applicant Information

The name of the entity applying for the Build Kansas Fund:	CITY OF WINFIELD, KANSAS
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Project Name:	From Hazard to Safe Passage: Simpson Ave. & Viking Blvd. Safety Project
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Entity type:	Local Government
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Entity Population:	11,787
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Applicant Contact Name:	Taggart Wall
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Applicant Contact Position/Title:	City Manager
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Applicant Contact Telephone Number:	+16202215520
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Applicant Contact Email Address:	twall@winfieldks.org
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Applicant Contact Address:	200 E 9th Ave.
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Applicant Contact Address Line 2 (optional):	
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Applicant Contact City:	Winfield
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Applicant Contact State:	Kansas
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Applicant Contact Zip 67156
Code:

Is the Project Contact the same as the Applicant Contact?	Yes
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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
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Certify that the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity you are pursuing has a required non-federal match component:	Yes
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What is the primary county that the project will occur in?	Cowley County
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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.
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Please enter the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity title that the entity is applying for:	USDOT FY26 Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding
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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? 5/26/2026

Application Type: Implementation

What is the federal fiscal year for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity? 2026

Enter the amount of funding being applied for, from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity: \$4,974,420.00 for a total project cost of \$6,218,025.00

Enter the total project cost: \$6,218,025.00

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: \$1,181,425.00 for a total project cost of \$6,218,025.00

Enter the non-federal cash match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable: \$62,180.00 for a total project cost of \$6,218,025.00

Enter the estimated value of the non-federal in-kind match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable: 0

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? \$0

Will any American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) or Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund monies be used for the non-federal match?

\$0

What other sources of in-kind match will be leveraged for this project? Please list and include the actual or estimated value of each.

\$0

What other funding sources (local, federal, or non-federal) will be used for this match?

\$0

Describe your efforts to find other available funding sources for this project:

NONE

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:

[From_Hazard_to_Safe_Passage_Winfield_KS.pdf](#)

[ProjectMap.pdf](#)

[SS4A-FY26-SF424C_Budget_Info._Construction_Programs_Rd_2.pdf](#)

Provide any additional information about this project not covered in previous sections of this application (optional):

The City of Winfield appreciates your consideration and looks forward to partnering with the State of Kansas to advance this critical safety project.

Part 7: Terms and Conditions

Understanding of Fund Release Requirements:

checked

Understanding of Use checked
of Funds:

Understanding of checked
Reporting
Requirements:

Authority to Make checked
Grant Application:

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

Position/Title: City Manager

Additional: Amy
Kellner

Position/Title: Community Development Coordinator

Additional: Patrick
Steward

Position/Title: City Engineer

Additional:

Position/Title:

Source	Amount	% of Project
Build Kansas Funds (non-federal match)	\$1,181,425.00	19.00%
Eligible Applicant Cash Match	\$62,180.00	1.00%
Eligible Applicant In-Kind Match (estimated value)	\$0.00	0.00%
IIJA Federal Funds (applied for)	\$4,974,420.00	80.00%
Additional Project Contribution (if applicable)	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$6,218,025.00	100.00%

Project Match	Amount	% of Match
Build Kansas Funds	\$1,181,425.00	95.00%
Applicant Contribution	\$62,180.00	5.00%
TOTAL MATCH	\$1,243,605.00	100.00%

Zip Code	% of project in zip code
67156	100%
	100% In Kansas

From Hazard to Safe Passage: Simpson Ave. & Viking Blvd. Safety Project

The City of Winfield proposes the Simpson Avenue & Viking Boulevard Safety Improvement Project, a transformative infrastructure initiative designed to address critical pedestrian and roadway safety deficiencies along one of the community's most heavily traveled pedestrian corridors. This project focuses on Simpson Avenue, a major east-west route connecting key community assets including Southwestern College, Winfield High School, Winfield Middle School, the Winfield Recreation Center, the Winfield Public Library, and surrounding residential neighborhoods. Despite its importance, the corridor currently lacks safe accommodations for pedestrians and cyclists, creating significant and well-documented safety risks.

Project Description

The proposed project will convert Simpson Avenue from a high-risk transportation corridor into a safe, accessible, and complete street aligned with modern safety standards and the Safe System Approach. Core improvements include:

-  Construction of a continuous, separated pedestrian pathway
-  Installation of high-visibility crossings with Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at four intersections
-  Intersection redesign and widening to improve sight lines and reduce turning conflicts
-  Replacement of open stormwater drainage ditches with enclosed systems, including curb and gutter infrastructure

These improvements will extend along Simpson Avenue and key intersections, including College Street, Alexander Street, Wheat Road, Viking Boulevard, and Warren Avenue creating a continuous safe route to schools and community destinations.

Need Addressed

The need for this project is urgent and well-supported by both data and community experience. Simpson Avenue has been identified in the Cowley County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) as a high-risk corridor for vulnerable road users (VRUs), including pedestrians and bicyclists. Existing conditions include:

-  No continuous pedestrian infrastructure, forcing individuals to walk near traffic
-  Open drainage ditches that pose hazards and eliminate safe refuge areas
-  Poor visibility and unsafe turning conditions at intersections

- High pedestrian demand from nearby schools and community facilities

Crash data further underscores the risk, with 114 VRU-related crashes countywide and 15% resulting in serious injury or death. Local incidents—including a child struck while biking to school and a wheelchair user falling into a roadside ditch—highlight the real-world consequences of current conditions.

This project directly addresses these hazards by targeting the root causes of crashes: exposure to traffic, unsafe crossings, roadside hazards, and inadequate roadway geometry.

Collaborators and Partnerships

The project is supported through strong collaboration with local and regional stakeholders, including the City of Winfield (lead applicant), Cowley County Safety Task Force, USD 465 School District, parents, Southwestern College, Winfield Fire-EMS, Winfield Recreation Center, Winfield Public Library, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), and the State of Kansas. These partners have actively contributed to planning efforts, public engagement, and letters of support, demonstrating broad community alignment and a shared commitment to improving safety along the corridor.

Project Goals

The primary goals of the project are to:

- Reduce fatalities and serious injuries along the Simpson Avenue corridor
- Provide safe, accessible infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists, especially students
- Eliminate hazardous roadside conditions, including open drainage ditches
- Improve intersection safety and emergency response access
- Implement the City's Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) and Vision Zero policy
- Establish a safe and continuous route to schools, supporting daily student travel

Budget

The project will be funded through a combination of federal grant dollars and a required non-federal match, for which the City of Winfield is seeking support from the State of Kansas Build Kansas Fund. State participation is critical to advancing this project and ensuring the City can fully leverage available federal funding to implement these life-saving improvements.

The City of Winfield is prepared to contribute its portion of the match and has demonstrated strong financial capacity and a consistent record of responsible fiscal management. No right-of-way acquisition is anticipated, and only minimal utility relocation is expected, significantly reducing overall project costs and limiting the risk of budget escalation.

Expected Outcomes

The Simpson Avenue Safety Improvement Project is expected to produce measurable and lasting safety benefits, including:

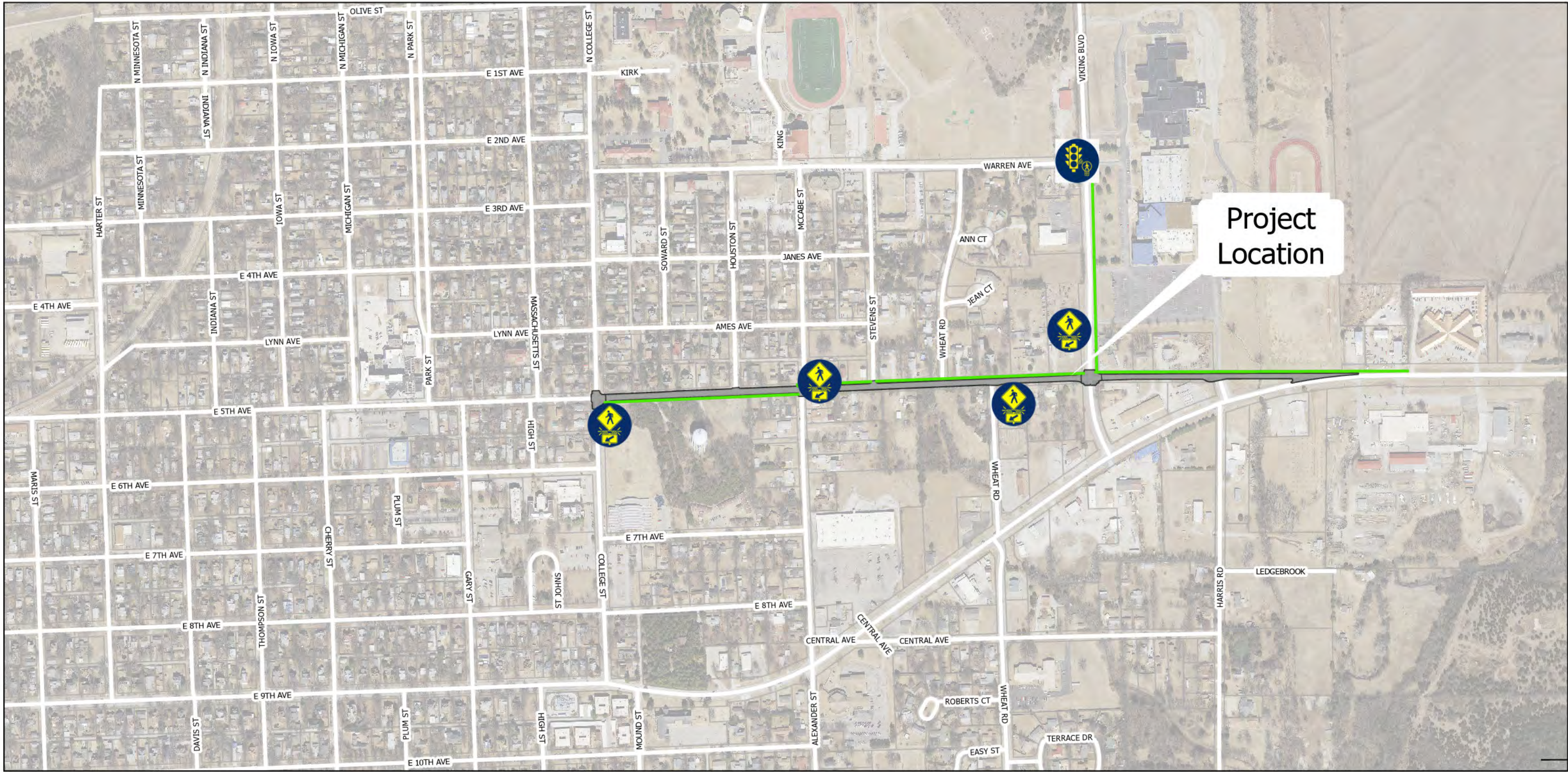
-  Significant reduction in pedestrian and intersection-related crashes
-  Up to 88% reduction in pedestrian crashes through separated infrastructure
-  47–69% reduction in crashes at crossings with RFB installation
-  Elimination of roadway departure hazards through ditch removal
-  Improved mobility and accessibility for all users, including children, elderly residents, and individuals with disabilities
-  Enhanced emergency response times due to improved roadway geometry

Beyond safety, the project will strengthen community connectivity, support active transportation, and improve overall quality of life. It represents a system-level investment in protecting vulnerable road users, particularly students traveling daily to school.

Conclusion

The Simpson Avenue & Viking Boulevard Safety Improvement Project is a data-driven, community-supported, and implementation-ready initiative that directly addresses documented safety risks with proven solutions. By transforming a high-risk corridor into a safe, multimodal route, the project advances local, state, and federal priorities for transportation safety and equity.

This investment through the Build Kansas Fund will deliver meaningful, measurable outcomes, saving lives, reducing injuries, and creating a safer future for the Winfield community.



SIMPSON AVENUE
PEDESTRIAN AND TRAFFICWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS
WINFIELD, KANSAS