

Federal Highway Administration
Every Day Counts
Innovation Initiative



**Kansas State Transportation Innovation Council
Team Charter
September 26, 2019**

Objective of State Transportation Innovation Council:

As a representative body of select transportation stakeholders in Kansas, serve as a shared experience forum for initiating and overseeing the rapid deployment into routine practice of innovative strategies to accelerate transportation project delivery and technologies proven to enhance project quality and effectiveness.

STIC Membership:

- KDOT Secretary of Transportation, (co-team leader), Julie Lorenz
- FHWA Division Administrator (co-team leader), Rick Backlund
- KDOT Deputy Secretary and State Transportation Engineer, Burt Morey
- KDOT Special Assistant to the Secretary of Transportation, Catherine Patrick
- KDOT Director of Innovative Technologies, Mike Floberg
- KDOT Director of Engineering and Design, Ron Seitz
- KDOT Director of Operations, Larry Thompson
- KDOT Director of Planning and Development, Chris Herrick
- KDOT Director of Communications/Public Affairs, Jeanny Sharp
- Kansas Association of County Engineers, Norm Bowers
- Local Technical Assistance Program, Lisa Harris-Frydman
- Mid-America Regional Council, Ron Achelpohl
- Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Kristen Zimmerman
- Flint Hills MPO Director, Stephanie Peterson
- Topeka MPO Public Works Director, Jason Peek
- ACEC Community/Transportation Planning Manager, Jim Townsend, non-voting
- FHWA Every Day Counts Coordinator, Javier Ahumada

Background: The initial challenge of the Every Day Counts (EDC) initiative was to accelerate the deployment of ten (10) proven but not widely implemented innovative strategies and five (5) technologies that are aimed at shortening project delivery and enhancing project performance. EDC is now in its fifth cycle implementing over 50 initiatives (some more than one round) and is codified in Title 23 U.S.C. for two year cycles. EDC is about pursuing better, faster, and smarter ways of doing business. Beyond the deployment strategies and technologies, the STIC will serve

as a forum for considering the rapid deployment of other innovative strategies and technologies in the future both in and outside of EDC.

Team Member Responsibilities: Provide input on the initiatives to be pursued, appoint agency and industry representatives to the implementation teams, and establish performance goals to measure success. Render STIC decisions by the consensus of all voting members subject to the concurrence of the Kansas DOT and FHWA co-team leaders.

Approach: The STIC will meet on a regular basis immediately after the scheduled National FHWA STIC Video/Web Conferences. These meetings will be regularly held at the KDOT Eisenhower Office in Topeka, but may be held at the FHWA Division Office in Topeka to accommodate any national video conferences.

Time Frames:

The STIC will be an on-going team and will only be disbanded upon agreement of the two co-team leaders.

