

The Topeka Bikeways Master Plan

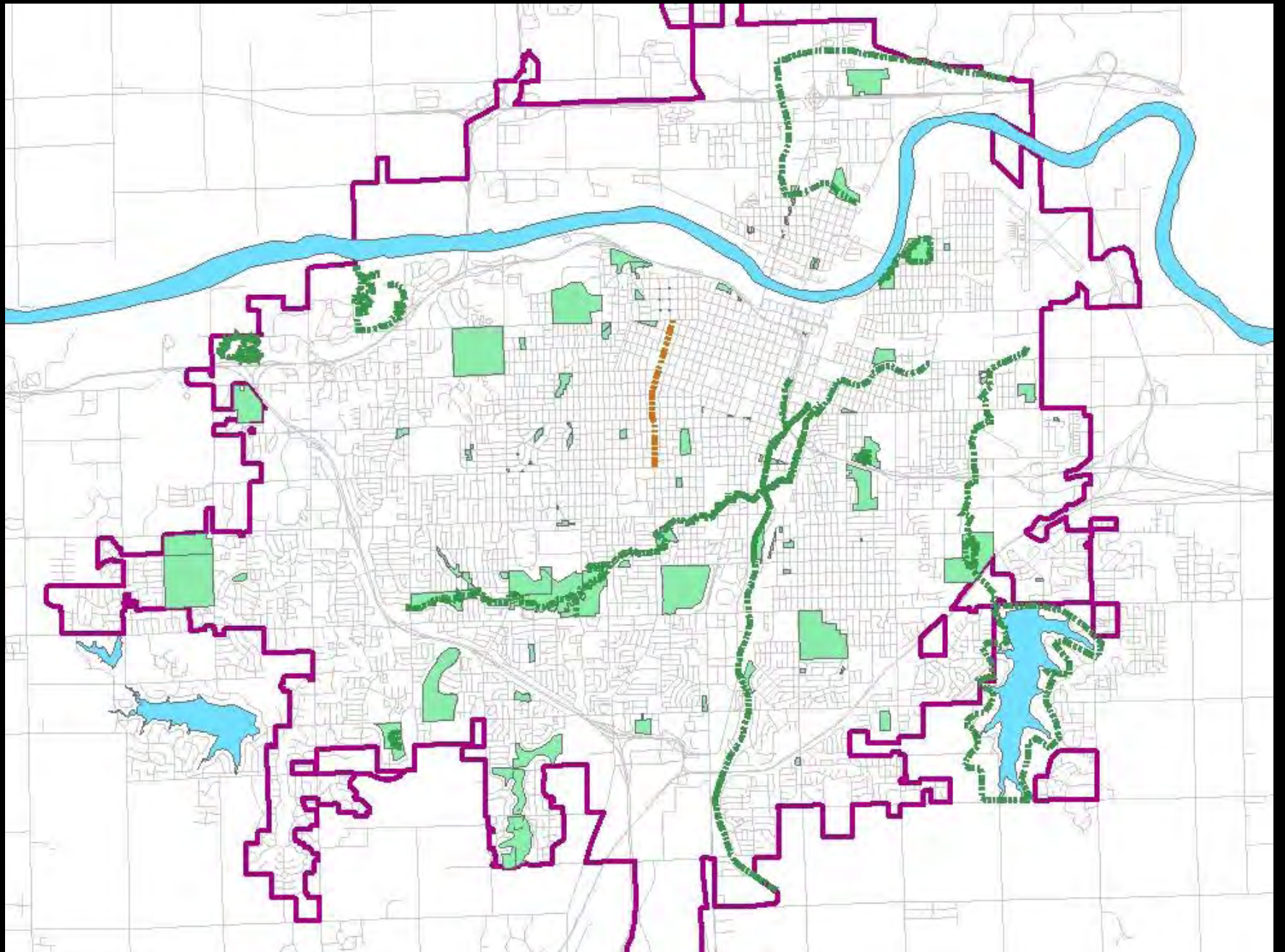


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The Beginning

Bikeways plan being developed

Initiative would encourage residents to ride bikes to work, shopping

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During Topeka city manager Norton Bonaparte's monthly news conference Wednesday, city planning director

By Tim Hrenchir

Work is under way to develop a destination-based bikeways plan targeted at making Topeka and its outlying areas more bicycle-friendly, city planning director David Thurbon said Wednesday.

In contrast to encouraging bicycling that is purely recreational, the bikeways plan will involve identifying routes most conducive to encouraging residents to ride bicycles for such purposes as shopping or going to work, Thurbon said at city manager Norton Bonaparte's monthly news conference.

Consultants developing the plan will meet with the public in coming weeks in four different parts of Topeka to hear comments and discuss their preliminary findings, Thurbon said.

He said the Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization received \$96,000 in Federal Highway Transit Administration funding that will be used to develop the plan. The seven-member MTPO consists of three city council members; one Shawnee County

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The Topeka Bikeway Survey

Bikeways plan ready for public scrutiny

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3 open houses
for public
comment

By Fredrick J. Johnson

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Topeka officials have scheduled three open houses to solicit public comment on the city's Bikeways Master Plan.

The events are designed to give the public an opportunity to speak with the consultant and project team members, review maps and routes, and offer

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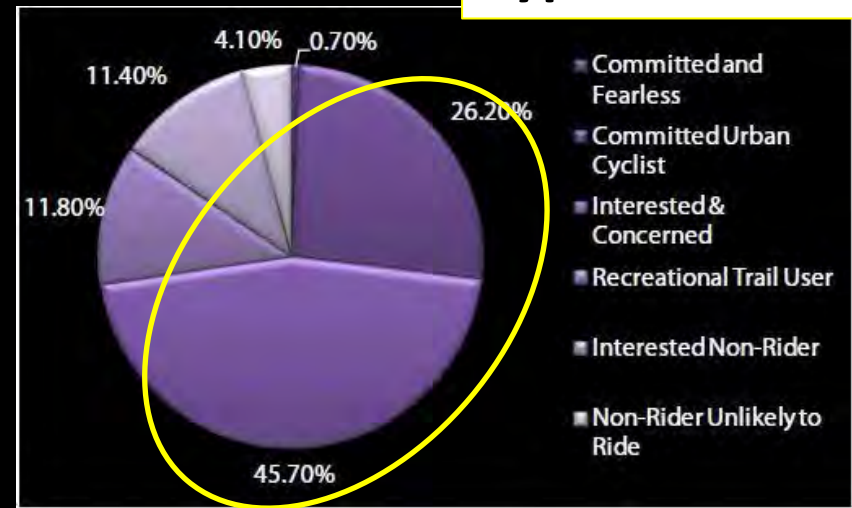
Over 1,000 responses!

The Topeka Bikeway Survey Results

Type of Rider

Figure 2.14: Importance of Various Actions

Action	% Reporting Important or Very Important
Actions	
Bike Lanes	92.3
More trails	92.2
Widened sidepaths along streets	86.2
Better project design for bike/ped accessibility	86.0
Destination-based bicycle network	77.9
Strong bike advocacy organization	72.5
Bike safety programs for kids	71.9
More bike parking	68.8
Commuter Challenge event	65.7
Showers at workplaces	64.2
Wayfinding signage	62.7
Improved bike education	59.9
Special events	59.4
Motorist education about bikes	56.8
More information about clubs/programs	56.5
Protective laws	55.1
Share the Road signs	51.2
Sharrows	47.5
Bike share program	43.3
Bike Station	41.4

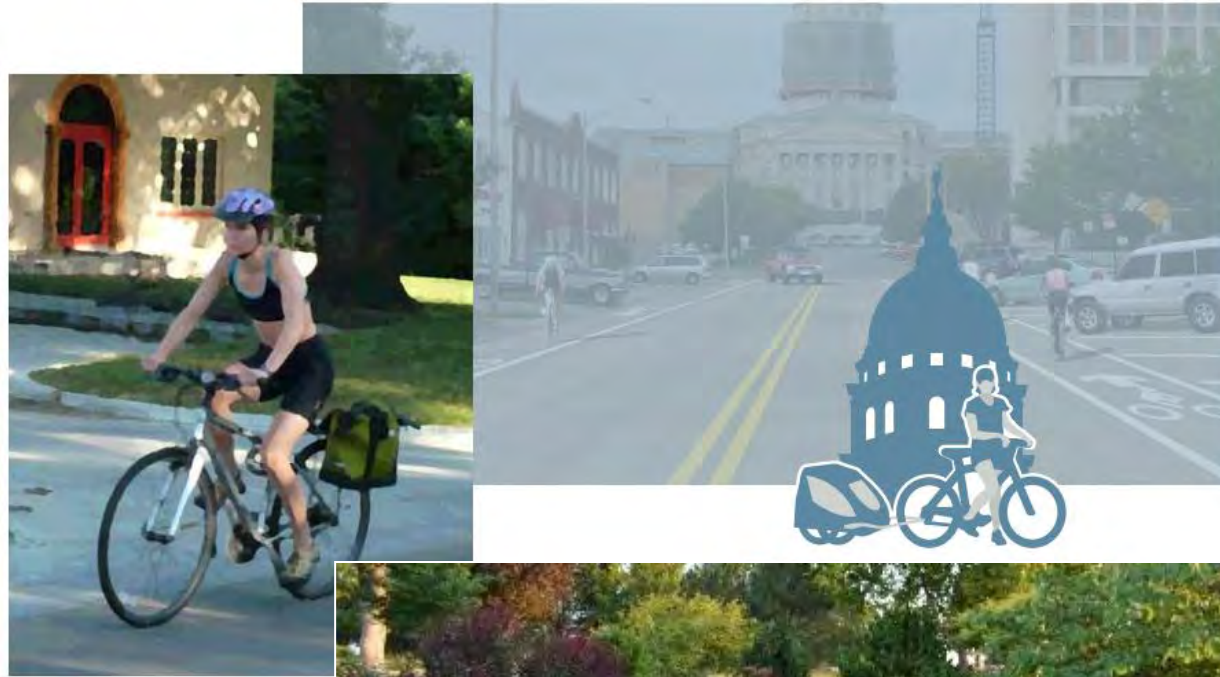


Destination	% Reporting Important or Very Important
Hummer Sports Park	60.5
Kansas History Center	50.8
Garfield Park	49.3
Westridge Mall/Wanamaker	48.4
North Topeka "Main Street"	46.9
Fleming Place	45.9
10th Avenue Sports Center	44.7
St. Francis Health Center	43.0
VA Hospital	40.5
General Shopping Areas	38.7
Great Overland Station	37.1
Sunflower Soccer Complex	34.4
Security Benefit	32.0
River Hill Offices	29.4
Holiday Square	28.7
Resers/Payless Area	25.1
Brown v Board of Ed	24.1
Golf Courses	16.8
Elementary Schools	61.3
Shunga Creek Trails & Parks	87.9
Washburn University	86.5
Lake Shawnee	83.0
Topeka Public Library	81.3
Neighborhood Parks	80.6
Gage Park	75.3
Kansas Avenue/Downtown	74.8
Community Centers	74.2
Middle Schools	71.6
High Schools	71.0
Washburn Tech	70.2
State Capitol Area	68.8

Destinations

The Topeka Bikeway Master Plan

A **destination-based** plan



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The Topeka Bikeway Master Plan

Goals of Plan:

1. Increase the number of people who use the **bicycle for transportation** as well as recreation.
2. Improve bicycle access to key **community destinations**
3. Improve access to the city's pathway system by providing **connecting links** from neighborhood trails.
4. Use bicycling as part of an effort to make Topeka more **sustainable**.
5. Increase **safety** on the road for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians.

Adopting the Plan

Planning group adopts bikeways plan

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Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization policy board members on Monday discuss the Topeka Bikeways Master Plan. From left to right are Jim Daniel, Mike Lackey, Shelly Buhler, Bob Archer and Chad Manspeaker.

Tweets by @timhrenchir

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A group made up mostly of local elected officials on Monday adopted a 203-page “Topeka Bikeways Master Plan” designed to put the city on the road to being more bicycle-friendly.

Still, questions remained as to where money to implement the plan would come from.

The policy board of the Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization voted 6-0 to approve a resolution adopting the plan.

“Yes” votes were cast by Topeka City Councilmen Bob Archer and Chad Manspeaker, Shawnee County Commissioner Shelly Buhler, Topeka Planning Commissioner Mike Lackey, Kansas Department of

Two Applications

Transportation Enhancement Grant
from KDOT for **\$1.4 million**
--to implement **Pilot portion** of Phase I

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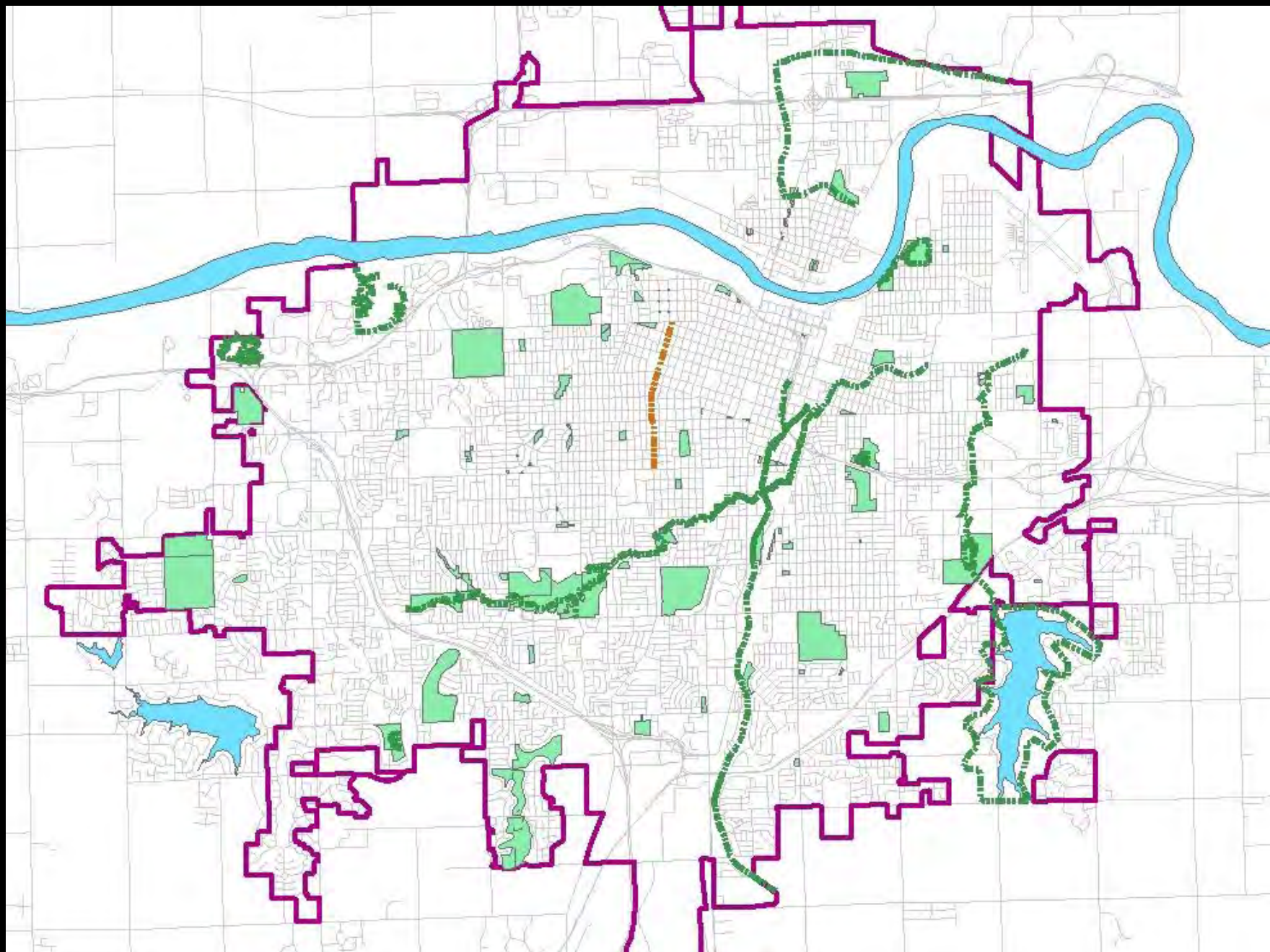
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City Wins Big Grant to Develop Bikeways

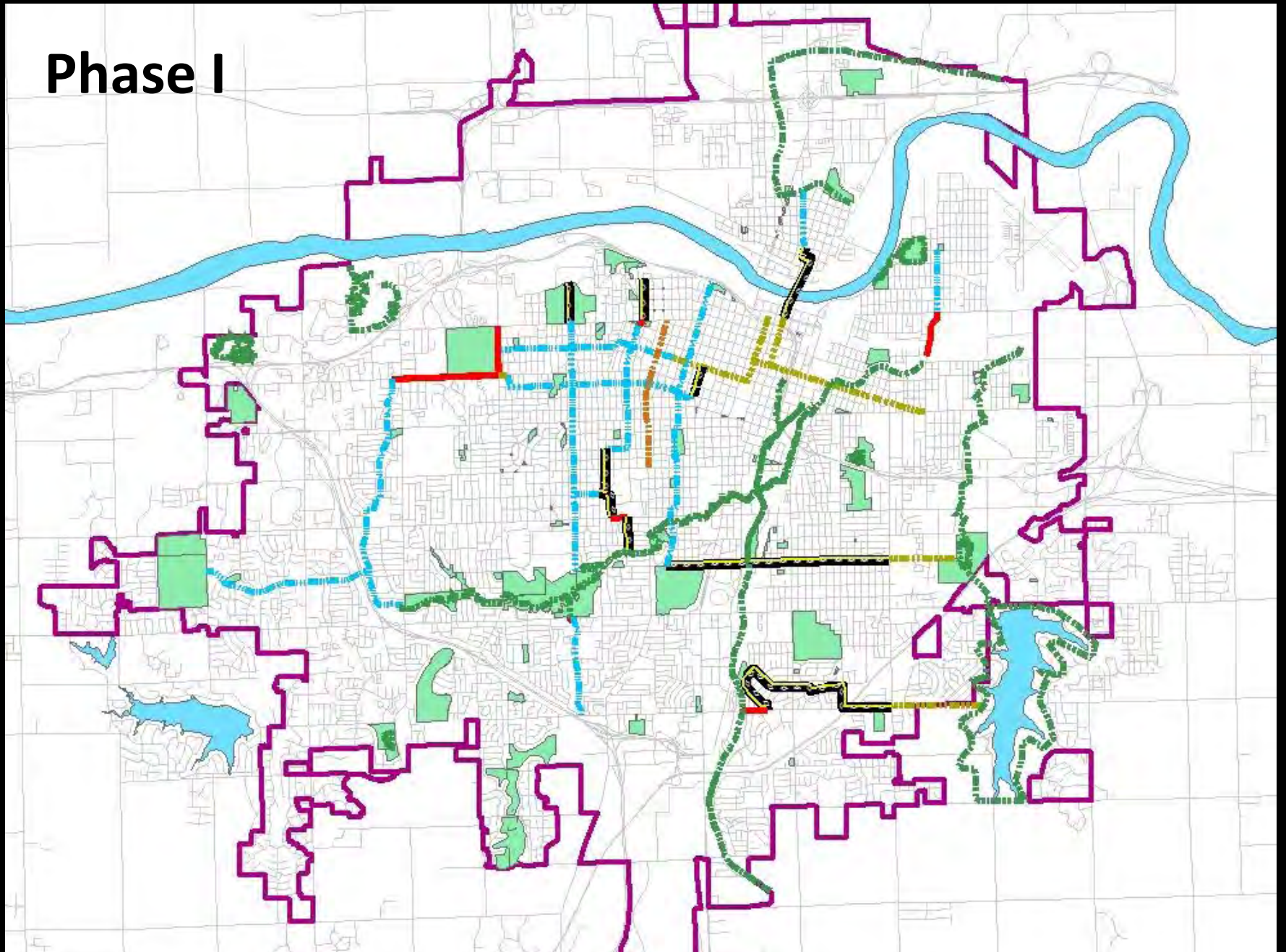
TOPEKA, Kan. – Phase One of the City of Topeka's Bikeways Master Plan will be implemented with the help of a major grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). The City was notified on Friday that its Transportation Enhancement (TE) application was selected for funding and will be included as part of the KDOT TE Program. The City was awarded \$1,400,000 to implement phase one of the Bikeways Plan.

Implementing the Plan





Phase I



Topeka Bikeway Master Plan

