EngineeringDepartment of Public Works

2026 Budget





Major Responsibilities

- Provide quality environmental resources and effective transportation systems through engineering and planning functions.
- Provide safe and strategic development through the building, housing & environmental codes, and effectively maintain all City-owned buildings.
- Serve as City liaison to other agencies and provide record-keeping and reporting for local, state and federal requirements associated with Public Works operation and City infrastructure.



2024 Major Accomplishments

- SE 4th culvert, waterline & road
- Completed new Newton Public Library
- Washington Road waterline and sewer project
- 1st and Spencer signals
- Kansas Asphalt Pavement Association
 1st place award for K-15 Mill & Overlay
- Wichita Business Journal Project of the Year Real Estate Award for Newton Public Library



2025-26 Goals & Objectives

- 2025 Annual Overlay Project
- Water and Sewer Master Plan Update
- S. Spencer Road Reconstruction
- S. Hillside Road Paving
- E 12th Street Mill & Overlay project
- Quail Creek Ave Paving Extension Phase 1
- 1st Street Water Tanks project

- 2026 Annual Overlay Project
- Plum Street Bridge Rehabilitation
- Airport Runway 8-26 Reconstruction
- E. 1st Street Roadway Improvements
 - Phase 1
- NMC Water Tower Painting project
- KLP Rail Phase 1
- 320 N Main demolition
- Plans and Specification Update

Operational Challenges & Budgetary Changes

- Due to a retirement, the Public Works Director/City Engineer position was split
- As planned for, a GIS engineer was added to the staff
- Future retirements will need continual backfilling
- Technology continues to evolve, and software support and purchases will need to increase



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DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES	ACTUAL 2023		ACTUAL 2024		ADOPTED 2025		PROPOSED 2026	
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$	495,747	\$	526,587	\$	621,751	\$	623,560
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES		33,229		83,168		85,069		91,200
COMMODITIES & SUPPLIES		3,098		2,680		6,300		6,600
VEHICLE OPERATING		11,685		10,019		11,500		12,500
CAPITAL OUTLAY		-		-		-		-
TRANSFERS		67,850		68,766		71,821		71,821
	\$	611,609	\$	691,220	\$	796,441	\$	805,681