

Legislative Priorities

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Jobs & Job Training

Protect State funding for WSU Tech, NCAT & NIAR. Workforce development continues to be a top issue for employers in the state, and has a direct impact on jobs. State and regional partnerships are vital to sustained growth and should be supported by policy and adequate funding.



2

Restore Rail Service to Wichita

Data shows this is the year for KDOT to make rail expansion a priority. Passenger rail is evolving as a key component for keeping and attracting young people as part of a strong workforce. In addition, it provides a safe travel option for an aging population.



3

Behavioral Health & Public Safety

There is a major gap in state and local behavioral health funding that has a direct impact on our crime rates. We request the State help fill this gap with significant support. This would also include improvements in how the State handles juvenile justice and releases for probation and parole.



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Transportation

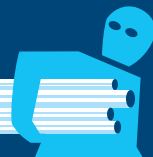
Support adequate highway funding, oppose additional transfers from the State Highway Fund. As cities work to innovate with multimodal transport systems, we request more financial commitment at the State level for operations and statewide transit initiatives.



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Metal Theft

Support new proposals that would require ID's when selling scrap metal and other proposals to strengthen current laws. As of Oct. 10, the City in 2018 lost more than \$200K in materials, labor and contract services due to theft. Others such as Westar and Cox have lost more. We welcome private partnerships to help pay for the database in current law.



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Internet Sales Tax

Support the ability of local governments to collect local sales or compensating use tax on remote sellers.



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