



City of Wichita

2010 State Legislative Agenda

Approved by Wichita City Council Oct. 22, 2009

Visioneering Wichita/ Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP)

- Affordable Airfares (\$5 million for 5th year of program).
- Continued state investments in the National Institute for Aviation Research at Wichita State University. Continued support for a new system of business-driven technical training at the National Center for Aviation Training at Jabara.
- Equus Beds Aquifer Storage and Recharge funding (Kansas Water Authority budget proposal of \$800,000).
- 25% expansion in the capacity of nursing programs in existing post-secondary public education institutions in South Central Kansas.
- State support for Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education (WCGME) program for funding of additional faculty and research staff for physician residency programs.
- Kansas Center for Innovation for Biomaterials in Orthopaedic Research in south-central Kansas. Funding support through the Kansas Bioscience Authority.

Historic Tax Credits (HTC)

- City of Wichita supports restoration of unintended cuts in HTC program that occurred during closing days of 2009 legislative session. Primary objective is the renovation of Wichita's downtown Broadview Hotel, a cornerstone property in the City's vision for downtown development.

Municipal Utility Growth/Rural Water Districts

- Current practices provide no effective conflict resolution when municipalities seek to expand urban density development in rural water district territories. Legislative compromise is being sought in cooperation with Kansas Rural Water Association and League of Kansas Municipalities.

Comprehensive Transportation Plan

- City of Wichita supports creation of state Comprehensive Transportation Plan and is working with regional partners to effectively convey the region's needs and maximize its opportunities for adequate funding.

High- Speed Passenger Rail Service

- Wichita City Council has approved a resolution in support of daytime service by high-speed passenger rail, in the event such service becomes available.

Statewide municipal water users fee increase

- City of Wichita support for any increase in statewide municipal water users' fee is contingent upon a reevaluation of current water policy and priorities.