

Streets/Infrastructure, and Public Transportation Sales and Use Taxes 2017 Report

In November of 2008, voters approved three new sales and use tax proposals. Each of these taxes, which became effective April 1, 2009 and which will remain in effect for ten years, has a dedicated purpose. When the taxes were approved, the City pledged to create a Sales Tax Audit Committee to ensure the money generated by each was expended pursuant to the ballot language approving the tax. The following information summarizes the revenues collected and expenditures made from each of the three sales taxes in 2017.

0.3 Percent for Streets and Infrastructure

This tax was approved to help Lawrence catch up on the maintenance of residential streets and make improvements to high traffic streets by creating a dedicated revenue sources for streets, sidewalks, trails, equipment, and storm sewers. A complete plan for the expenditure of proceeds from this sales tax is located in the City's CIP. Funds not spent in 2017 will carry forward to fund purchases in future years.

Budgeted 2017 Collection: \$5,277,368

Unspent tax from 2016 and prior years	\$ 4,287,541
2017 tax collected	5,390,802
2017 expenditures	
Residential street maintenance	800,000
19 th Street (Iowa to Naismith)	1,638,395
Bob Billings Pkwy to K-10 corridor traffic imp.	144,572
K-10 Hwy & Wakarusa – traffic signal imp.	112,601
Kasold – Bob Billings Pkwy to 6 th	345,734
Wakarusa & Harvard – intersection imp	1,122,545
Total expenditures	<u>4,163,847</u>
Unspent tax available for future projects	<u>\$ 5,514,496</u>

Note:

The 0.3 cent sales tax is split with \$500,000 allocated to the Equipment Reserve Fund and the balance in the Capital Improvement Reserve Fund. Both of these funds have other revenues and expenditures charged to them, which are not included here as they are separate from the sales tax. This report is a combination of both funds, but only those revenues and expenditures tied to the special sales tax.

0.2 Percent for Public Transportation

This dedicated funding source replaced property tax as the main local revenue source for operation of the City's public transit system. It was approved to ensure that the City had the resources to cooperate with the University of Kansas transit system. Funds not spent in 2017 will carry forward to fund purchases in future years.

Budget 2017 Collection: \$3,556,123

Unspent tax from 2016 and prior years	\$ 2,497,519
2017 tax collected	3,593,878
2017 transit expenditures:	<u>3,142,038</u>
Unspent tax available for future projects	<u>\$ 2,949,359</u>

Note:

This sales tax is recorded in the Public Transportation Fund. There are other revenues which are not included here as they are separate from the sales tax. Please refer to the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for a listing of all transit related expenses.

0.05 Percent for Public Transportation Expanded

This tax was approved to provide additional dedicated resources for the transit system for route enhancements and vehicle and facility improvements. Funds not spent in 2017 will carry forward to fund purchases in future years.

Budgeted 2017 Collection: \$841,877

Unspent tax from 2016 and prior years	\$ 5,777,565
2017 Tax Collected:	898,407
2017 Expenditures:	<u>0</u>
Unspent tax available for future projects	<u>\$ 6,675,972</u>