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CITY OFFICIALS CONFERENCE CALL FOR COVID-19

The League staff will continue to offer our bi-weekly conference call for city officials for the foreseeable future. The call for city officials - elected officials, appointed officials, city attorneys, department heads, etc. It is a way to keep you informed of the latest information regarding COVID-19 and municipal operations.

The conference calls are held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you are a city official, please contact the League staff for access to the conference call.

The information on the conference call closely mirrors the information on our League COVID-19 resource page. Check out our [COVID-19 page](#) for guidance on personnel issues, meetings, and emergency situations.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Today, the Governor signed the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Plan. This is a new 10-year, \$10 billion comprehensive transportation plan. The final legislation was [SB 173](#). The program includes a two-year rolling project selection process; prioritization of funding preservation and completion of the delayed T-Works projects; prioritization of preservation projects; directs all remaining delayed T-WORKS projects be let (bid) by July 1, 2023; creates a minimum dollar commitment to building new modernization and/or expansion projects in each KDOT district through metrics developed by KDOT; authorizes 5% of the program to be used for alternative delivery with certain stipulations; provides for more funding towards short-line rail improvements; and requires KDOT to develop detailed annual reports that illustrate KDOT's progress so the legislature has an informed understanding of the program. The new transportation also requires a layer of protection for the sales tax revenue into the State Highway Fund not present in previous programs by levying the tax for the purposes of the highway fund instead of general government purposes. The legislature still would have power to waive this.

The Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC) consisting of the President of the Senate, Senate Majority Leader, Senate Minority Leader, Speaker of the House, House Speaker Pro-tem, House Majority Leader, and the House Minority Leader, met twice this week to review two Executive Orders (EO) that the Governor has issued in response to COVID-19. The LCC allowed the Executive Orders to remain in effect: [Executive Order No. 20-16](#), establishing a statewide "stay home" order and [Executive Order No. 20-17](#), temporary relief from certain unemployment insurance requirements in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Executive Orders can be [found on-line](#) when they are announced.



COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR CITIES | WWW.LKM.ORG/COVID-19

The League is actively monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and is working with other agencies to provide our member cities with timely, accurate and important information as it becomes available. We [created this web page](#) as a resource for city officials. It is updated numerous times during the day with relevant city information.

See the [web page](#) for information on:

- The latest news for cities from state agencies and trusted sources;
- Personnel and federal legislation summaries;
- Local emergency declarations and county stay-at-home orders;
- Utility and municipal operational guidance;
- Public closure guidance;
- CDC and KDHE guidance on quarantine and social distancing/stopping the spread;
- Meeting guidance, technological options for meetings, and open meeting laws; and;
- Messaging examples to use in your cities/organizations.



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GOVERNING BODY INSTITUTE & KANSAS MAYORS CONFERENCE

The League has made the decision to postpone this year's Governing Body Institute & Kansas Mayors Conference scheduled for April 24-25 in Manhattan. We are currently working on alternate dates for later this summer and will keep you informed.

For those who have already chosen to register for the conference, we thank you. For now, we will keep everyone currently registered on the roster, and once we reschedule, you'll be able to decide on whether or not you keep your registration or cancel. We hope that we can count on each of you to participate in the rescheduled event.

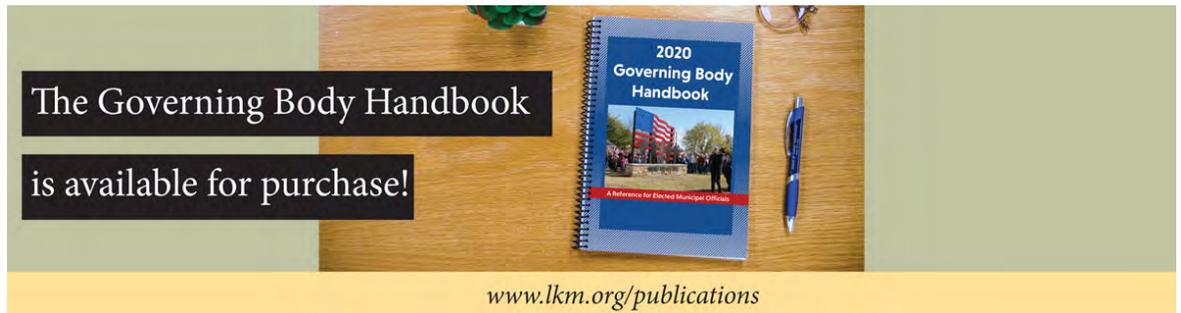


The League will continue to monitor the outbreak and offer periodic phone conferences to keep everyone informed. If you have questions or comments, please contact League staff. Stay safe and healthy.

2020 GOVERNING BODY HANDBOOK NOW AVAILABLE TO ORDER

The latest edition of the League's *Governing Body Handbook* is now available to order. This publication is an essential local government guide and a valuable reference tool for municipal elected officials. The publication incorporates provisions explaining the major federal and state laws concerning municipal operations. It also includes a number of ideas and suggestions that we hope you will find useful in your public service. The publication can now be ordered on-line and will begin shipping in April. Every League member city will automatically receive two complimentary copies of the updated version but many cities order extra for staff and additional governing body members.

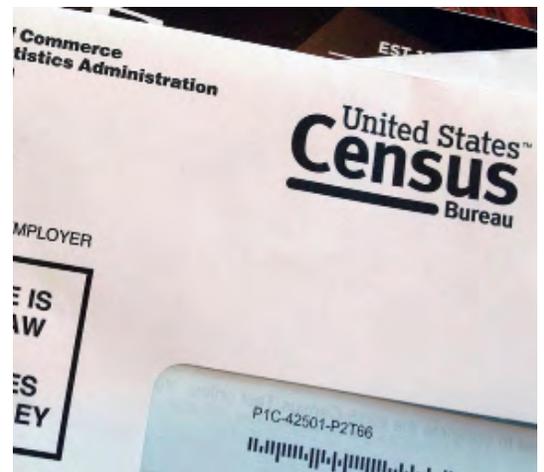
Order on-line at the [League website](http://www.lkm.org).



2020 CENSUS - HAVE YOU RESPONDED?

Participation in the 2020 Census ensures your community is represented fairly and receives their share in the distribution of more than \$6 billion in federal funds to Kansas annually. Every 10 years, results from the U.S. Census are used to reapportion congressional seats. The 2020 Census will determine how many congressional seats the state of Kansas will hold for the next decade. When it comes to federal funding, participation in the U.S. Census ensures your community benefits from your hard-earned tax dollars. That could mean more funding for our schools, roads and highways, public health, affordable housing programs, and so much more.

Make sure you have filled out your 2020 Census online or via telephone using the mailed invitation you should have received now. Visit www.my2020census.gov for complete the census.



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