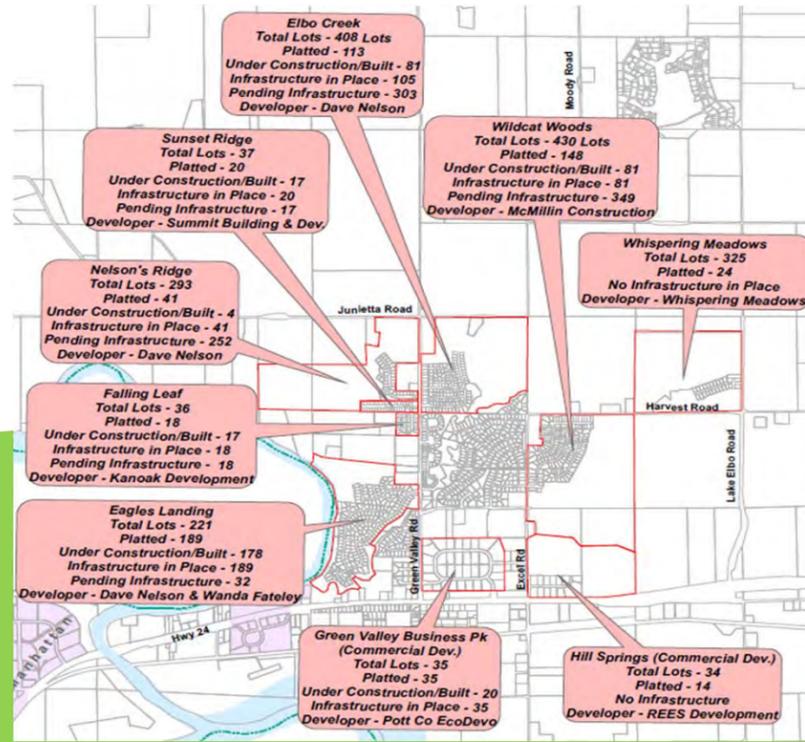


Regional Growth

The Manhattan Region continues to be recognized nationally for its strong economic climate. Both Kansas State University and Fort Riley have provided economic stability during the economic downturn. With the construction of the new Nation Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) underway, growth will no doubt continue to be a dynamic trend for the region. Maintaining a focus on the growth and expansion of US-24 and its connecting infrastructure will be important to the prosperity of the area. As residential development continues within the area at an accelerated rate, these developments only bring more commercial entities and more traffic.



Current Green Valley Area Developments

I strongly support the Marlatt/Junietta Roadway Extension. This project will become an integral part of our Regional Transportation System. Not only will the extension preserve the HWY 24 infrastructure, it will also provide economic growth to the North of Manhattan. - Mayor Loren Pepperd, City of Manhattan.

In approximately five years, the traffic on this section of US-24 will surpass its design capacity leading to a reduced level of service. In addition, travel delays will be longer and safety along the roadway will be diminished. Significant upgrades will be necessary to make improvement to the roadway to accommodate the future traffic growth. Major upgrades to existing US-24 will require changes in access, additional right of way and significant traffic delays during construction will be experienced. It is important that the future challenges facing this section of roadway are recognized and properly planned to enhance the economic development that is occurring in the region, otherwise this growth and development may be restricted. This Marlatt/Junietta Extension will not only relieve the traffic on existing US-24, but will also provide significant opportunities for revenue generating growth.

The purpose of this brief study is to re-evaluate the traffic growth on US-24 and provide conceptual route layouts for the Marlatt/Junietta connection for future right of way preservation. As a part of the upcoming KDOT Local Consultation process, we will be soliciting funding from KDOT to further this project to a more detailed study.



Marlatt/Junietta Extension Conceptual Route Study

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