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## Kansans invited to come to statewide transportation meetings

A series of regional meetings that give Kansans the opportunity to discuss their transportation priorities with the Kansas Department of Transportation and the Kansas Turnpike Authority have been scheduled for this fall.

The eight local consultation meetings, which begin Sept. 24 in Kansas City, will include regional discussions on highway and other modal needs, including rail, aviation, transit and bike/pedestrian.

"We are looking for common goals at the state and regional level," said Kansas Department of Transportation Secretary Mike King. "It's important that we get feedback from communities as well as explain how the current transportation plan, T-WORKS is going."

The meetings will be conducted by KDOT and KTA staff.

This year for the first time there will be the chance to pre-register and express any particular transportation topic that participants would like to discuss. Pre-registration is available at <a href="https://www.ksdot.org">www.ksdot.org</a> or here <a href="pre-registration survey.">pre-registration survey.</a>

KDOT also conducted a series of local consultation meetings two years ago to hear what types of projects were important to communities.

"It's important to go back to these areas and see if there have been any changes to their transportation needs," King said. "This is a chance for those in the community to make sure their voice is heard."

Summaries of each local consultation meeting will be posted on the KDOT website at www.ksdot.org. The following is the schedule of local consultation meetings:

September 24<sup>th</sup> 9-noon, Kansas City The Hilton 520 Minnesota Ave.

Kansas City, KS

September 29<sup>th</sup> 9-noon, Garden City Clarion 1911 E. Kansas Ave. Garden City, KS

September 30<sup>th</sup> 9-noon, Hutchinson The Ramada

1400 N. Lorriane Hutchinson, KS

October 1<sup>st</sup> 9-noon, Wichita WSU Eugene M. Hughes Metropolitan Complex 5015 E. 29th Street North Wichita, KS

October 6<sup>th</sup> 1-4 p.m. Chanute **KDOT Complex** 411 W. Fourteenth Chanute, KS

October 7<sup>th</sup> 9-noon, Topeka Eisenhower State Office Building 700 SW Harrison Topeka, KS

October 14th 9-noon, Hays KHP Conference Room 1821 W. Frontier Rd. Hays, KS

October 15<sup>th</sup> 9-noon, Salina KHP Training Center 2025 E. Iron Avenue Salina, KS

The meeting locations are ADA accessible. Persons in need of a sign language interpreter, an assistive listening device, large print or Braille material, or other accommodation to participate in this meeting should notify Tammy Torrez at tammyt@ksdot.org or (785) 296-2153 (Voice)/Hearing Impaired - 711. Please make accommodation request at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.

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