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Kansas truck permitting system wins regional transportation award

A Kansas Department of Transportation program that reduces paperwork and wait times for truck routing and permitting has received regional recognition.

The Kansas Truck Routing and Intelligent Permitting System (K-TRIPS) won in the “Under Budget” category of America’s Transportation Awards out of the Midwest region of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

K-TRIPS allows truckers to apply and pay for most over-dimension permits at any time of the day or night, every day of the year. And, the entire process can be done in 10 minutes or less. No longer is it necessary for a motor carrier to be stuck at the Kansas border in a loaded truck waiting hours for a permit before proceeding through the state.

“In business, time is money and K-TRIPS is saving shippers money,” said Kansas Transportation Secretary Mike King.

“Thanks to this customer-oriented permitting system, truckers carrying over-dimensional loads through Kansas can now move at the speed of business,”

K-TRIPS was developed by KDOT, the Kansas Department of Revenue and Kansas Highway Patrol, with support of the Kansas Motor Carrier Association. In addition to making it simpler for motor carriers to receive over-dimension permits as well

as annual permits for normal size loads, K-TRIPS is providing important shipping data not previously available to KDOT planners.

The project to develop KTRIPS was budgeted for \$3 million, but the final cost came in at only \$1.29 million.

It's possible KTRIPS could move on to the national America's Transportation Award competition, depending on how it's point totals stack up against winners in the other three AASHTO regions.

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