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KDOT announces two-year schedule of projects

Hundreds of transportation projects that will preserve, expand and modernize the Kansas highway system have been scheduled for the next two years.

The projects, which will be funded under T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the 2010 Legislature, will improve 1,404 miles of highway and replace 93 bridges. The work will be done in the 2012-13 fiscal years, which began July 1. The estimated cost of the projects is \$650 million.

In addition to the construction work, the Kansas Department of Transportation will begin preliminary engineering on 22 projects that will be considered for future preservation work. Because these are more complex, they will take more time to get ready than other projects. This work has yet to be funded for construction.

Every year for the remainder of the 10-year T-WORKS program, KDOT will announce a two-year schedule of projects shortly after the July 1 start of the new

fiscal year. That differs from earlier, multi-year transportation programs when nearly all of the projects were announced up front.

“By announcing two-year schedules on an annual basis, we can ensure that communities have an idea of what is coming and have ample time to plan accordingly,” said Transportation Secretary Deb Miller.

The list of projects, some of which are already under contract, can be viewed in its entirety and broken down county-by-county on the T-WORKS website, <http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/>. The website provides general information about the scheduled work and the means to track the progress of each project.

KDOT also has launched a performance measures website that will allow Kansans a way to monitor how well KDOT is taking care of the state transportation system. The website, <http://kdotapp.ksdot.org/perfmeasures/>, will display performance targets in six critical areas and measure the progress the agency has made in hitting those targets. The six areas include system condition, safety, project delivery, workforce, operations and non-highway modes.

“The performance measures website is another way to help KDOT increase transparency and accountability. It’s one of the tools we need to make good, data-based decisions,” said Secretary Miller.

The data on the site will be updated on a regular basis.

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