

South Central District Office  
500 N. Hendricks  
Hutchinson, KS 67504-0769



phone: 620-663-3361  
fax: 620-663-1804  
[www.ksdot.org](http://www.ksdot.org)

Julie Lorenz, Secretary

Laura Kelly, Governor

## IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 19, 2021

For more information: Tim Potter

620-860-7389; mobile: 620-727-2278; [Tim.Potter@ks.gov](mailto:Tim.Potter@ks.gov)

### **RR-crossing change for school buses, hazardous materials trucks on U.S. 77**

- **What:** School buses and trucks carrying hazardous material will no longer have to stop at a lightly used railroad crossing on U.S. 77 at Strother Field, between Winfield and Arkansas City -- unless a train is approaching or the crossing warning lights or crossing arms are activated. Before the change, buses and trucks have had to stop as a precaution before proceeding even if no train was present.
- **What it means:** Under the change, KDOT is installing signs near the crossing soon that say "Exempt." The signs are intended to signal that those buses and trucks no longer must stop, unless a train is present or warning signs activate. Trains using the crossing are on a relatively lightly traveled section of railroad and are traveling at a reduced speed.
- **A benefit:** The change is expected to help limit the chance of vehicles crashing into buses or trucks that had previously been required to stop even when no train was present.



####

This information can be made available in alternative accessible formats upon request.

For information about obtaining an alternative format, contact the KDOT Division of Communications, 700 SW Harrison St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl West, Topeka, KS 66603-3754 or phone 785-296-3585 (Voice)/Hearing Impaired – 711.

Click below to connect to KDOT's Social Networks:

