

New System Enhancement projects announced

By Marty Matthews

Calling it another major step forward on Kansas' proud trail of transportation advancements, Kansas Secretary of Transportation E. Dean Carlson announced on August 4 that 29 projects had been selected to receive funding as part of the \$1 billion System Enhancement Program.

"The competition for these dollars was intense," Carlson noted. "The Kansas Department of Transportation received about \$5 billion in project requests for this \$1 billion pool. These were difficult decisions. Some very good projects were unsuccessful, but the process we used ensures that the 29 selected projects give Kansas taxpayers the most for their money."

The System Enhancement Program is one component of the Comprehensive

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Secretary E. Dean Carlson addresses the media and local officials at the System Enhancement news conference in Topeka on August 4. A total of 29 projects across the state were selected.

KDOT unveils new look to internet site

By Stan Whitley

KDOT's internet site has been undergoing a facelift and now its new appearance is available for public display. The new site was scheduled to go on-line in mid-August. It replaces the original site that was officially offered to the public in April 1997.

"It was time to develop a fresh look and feel for the internet site," said Bill Roth, KDOT Development Manager of Internet/Intranet. "Technology has

changed a lot in the last few years. We are taking advantage of the options and flexibility that are available to deliver content."

The old site had six icons with links for information and included an outlined map of Kansas with KDOT printed in the middle. The new site has 10 icons each appearing in the shape of green informational signs on a highway sign truss. The

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United Way campaign begins

"The Way Our Community Cares" will be the theme for the 2000 United Way of Greater Topeka fund raising drive, which is tentatively scheduled to begin in mid-September.

"We are in the initial planning

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From
Where
I Sit

by E. Dean Carlson

The power of one - it's up to you to help improve KDOT

How do you measure your accomplishments? Chances are good that you compare where you are now to where you once were. Whether it's progress on a construction or maintenance job, your bowling average, fishing prowess, or educational efforts, you've likely set up some sort of system (formal or informal) to indicate your success and identify areas that need work.

At KDOT, those indicators and identifiers are contained in the Strategic Management Plan (SMP). In the coming month, September, you will have the opportunity to weigh in on how well the agency is meeting the objectives set out in the SMP. The opportunity will come in the form of the Internal Survey that will be distributed to all agency employees. The

results of this Internal Survey will provide information that is important to KDOT's plans in the future.

How? The information from this survey will be compared to the results of the last Internal Survey in 1998. The comparison will help us determine whether we've made progress on the improvement opportunities that were identified then. The SMP is like a road map, and the survey helps establish the mileposts we've reached. To take the map analogy one step further, the survey helps show us where we are, where we were, and whether we're on the right track to get where we want to go.

Please take the time to fill out this survey. The more employee participation there is, the more useful the results will be. I understand some of you may be concerned about the responses identifying particular KDOT employees. Let me assure you that, although the survey responses may be grouped by Division, Bureau, Office, or District, there will be no way to identify the responses of any individual employee. As an added measure to ensure confidentiality, you will be provided a postage-paid reply envelope and will be asked to mail the completed survey instrument directly to SRC.

We expect to report the results of the survey to you early next year. How well this survey reflects the issues that are important and relevant to you depends entirely upon your participation. When you get the survey, please remember that its purpose is to improve the agency and please take the time to help do that.



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Calendar of Events

September 4 – State employees off for Labor Day holiday.

September 8 - Highway Advisory Commission field trip to NASCAR facility and related road construction projects.

September 8-17 – KDOT booth at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. Booth located in the Eisenhower Building.

September 12 - 11 a.m. KDOT Employees' Council Meeting, Seventh Floor Conference Room, Docking State Office Building.

September 13 - 2 p.m. Construction Bid Letting, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Wichita Airport Hilton.

October 3-4 – KDOT Operations Meeting in Great Bend.

Kansas State Fair a great place to meet public, hear concerns

When you are at the 88th annual Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson, take a ride on the tilt-a-whirl, stroll through the animal exhibits, peek at the commercial displays, grab a Pronto-pup, and head to the Eisenhower Building.

In the middle of the building is where you'll find the KDOT booth with lots of items and information to promote safety on highways. The booth will be open the entire 10 days of the fair from September 8 to 17.

"People from all across Kansas attend the state fair so it's a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness particularly about safety for highway workers and motorists as well as a number of other programs and services KDOT offers," said Marty Matthews, Public Information Officer in Transportation Information. "Getting out and meeting people helps to stay in touch with things that concern the public and gives people the opportunity to talk to KDOT representatives."

Promotional items such as pencils, key chains, litterbags, bookmarks, and rulers are given out at the booth and feature the safety messages "Give 'Em A Brake" and "Get the Picture. Listen to the Signs." The booth also offers information and brochures on the different bureaus within KDOT as well as state maps.

The Kansas Safety Belt Education Office (KSBE) will join KDOT at the double-sized booth again this year. The office assists KDOT in promoting the need for safety belts



The KDOT booth has lots of information to help inform the public of various transportation safety issues

and child seats at all times when traveling. Other items including magnets, sun screen packets, and bendeez (stress twisters) will display the safety belt message.

The booth will be open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. opening day, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekends. KDOT employees from District Five and from the Office of Transportation Information will staff the booth.

Be aware that construction projects are taking place along major routes to Hutchinson at several places along I-70, I-135 at Salina and Newton, and US-56 between Ellinwood and Lyons. **-K.S.**

Welcome
new KDOT
employees!

Headquarters

Teresa Bagby, Secretary I, Local Projects

Christopher Bortz, Program Consultant I, Traffic Safety

Chris Munz, Engineering Technician, Traffic Engineering

Melanie Stewart, Office Assistant IV, Personnel Services

Travis Tyler, Engineering Technician, Traffic Engineering

District One

Daniel Carpenter, Engineering Technician Associate, Lawrence

Nancy Johnson, Procurement Officer I, Fiscal Services

Justin Sanders, Engineering Technician Associate, Kansas City

Jason Schlochtermeyer, Mechanic's Helper, Wamego

Justin Smith, Equipment Mechanic I, Wamego

District Two

Anita Marker, Office Assistant II, Salina

Gary Murphy, Engineering Associate I, Junction City

Nicholas Toupin, Engineering Technician Associate, Marion District Three

Denise Schwab, Office Assistant II, Norton

District Five

Janise Hansen, Office Assistant II, Hutchinson

Curtis Nairn, Engineering Technician Associate, Great Bend

Zola Schlink, Office Assistant III, Great Bend

District Six

Michael Klein, Engineering Technician Specialist, Garden City

The Bureau of Personnel Services supplies information for new employees to Translines.

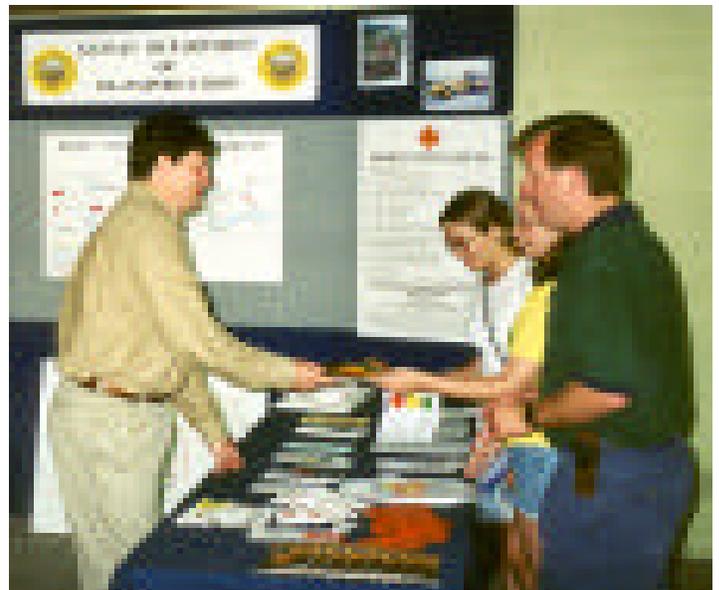
District personnel get involved, meet public at county fairs



David Davignon (left) and Stephen Desaire, District Three employees, discuss current construction projects in northwest Kansas with people who stopped by the booth at the Graham County Fair in Hill City.



Ralph Hicks (center) and Doug Benear, District Six employees, chat with a local resident at the Meade County Fair in Meade.



District Five Engineer Chuck Luedders passes out information at the Butler County Fair.



District Four Engineer John Leverenz, Bill Ellis, and Priscilla Peterson, sit in front of the colorful display built for county fairs in southeast Kansas.



The District One booth at the Shawnee County fair.

BROWN BAG LUNCH

Topic: System Enhancements -
A Program Review and Update

Date: Wednesday, September 6

Time: Noon to 1 p.m.

Place: Room 481, Docking

*All KDOT employees are
encouraged to attend.*



*Sammi Ford (left)
and Scott
Koopmann talk
with a person
interested in
applying for a
position with
KDOT at the job
fair that took
place in Wichita.*

Training Opportunities

◆ **Leadership Basics****, September 19-21, (TBA).

◆ **Humor and Emotional Intelligence***, August 17, Topeka.

◆ **Turning Around Poor Performance***, September 6, Topeka.

◆ **Basic Effective Supervisory Training***, October 17-20 and November 14-17.

*Meets the three-year management training requirement.

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All classes, except for BEST, are available to non-supervisors with supervisory permission and where space is available. *A comprehensive training calendar can be viewed on the KDOT Intranet.*

KDOT hosts job fair in Wichita

KDOT District Five, in an effort to fill newly created positions and existing vacant positions available in the Wichita Metro Area, hosted a Job Fair on July 31, to bring in qualified candidates.

The Sedgwick County Extension Building, at 21st Street and Ridge Road, was selected as the location for this KDOT Job Fair. The parking lot doubled as a display area for a snowplow truck, tractor with mower, and a dump truck with a trailer. KDOT Equipment Operators were on hand to discuss specific job duties and equipment usage with interested individuals.

A total of 16 jobs were available to be filled in two employment classifications, 13 as Equipment Operator Trainee positions and three as Engineering Technician Associate positions. After

receiving information detailing the duties of the positions, the interviewees had the option of interviewing for one, or both, of the job types.

To accommodate the new job candidates' schedules, the KDOT Job Fair was open continuously from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Five interview teams, each with separate interviewing stations, were also at the site. Having these teams in place made the pre-interview as well as interview process more effective.

The five interview teams were District Five employees consisting of Chuck Luedders and Allen Morris, Scott Koopmann and Sammi Ford, Benny Tarverdi and Jack Wilson, Glenn McCall and Bob Penrod, and Mary Mitchell and Gary Poleski. *Photo and story by Martin Miller*

Step Back in Time



*Early roadway construction
in Kansas moved at a slow
pace, which was evident in
this 1917 picture taken in
Greeley County.*



Get connected with KDOT

By Christy Cain

There's a new way for KDOT customers to get their message across to us, and it won't cost them a dime. A new toll-free customer service line, the KDOT Connection, is being rolled out across the state. The toll-free number is 1-877-550-KDOT (5368).

It's being put into use district by district so that we can iron out any kinks in the system on a smaller scale before we go statewide. It's currently being tested in Districts Two and Five. Our goal is to have the line fully functional by late fall.

The KDOT Connection helps decentralize communication at KDOT. It automatically routes the customer to the closest district headquarters. This allows local issues to be handled at the local level. It also ensures that the most qualified KDOT Ambassadors—those living and working in the customers' community—will be the customers' first contact.

The toll-free line enhances our customer service. No longer will our customers have to guess which KDOT number to call to receive answers to their questions. Instead, they can dial a single number to access a variety of answers.

Highly qualified, trained, district employees field KDOT Connection calls. The operators answer questions they can, transfer the caller to the appropriate contact anywhere across the state, or take a name and number and ask the right KDOT contact to get back in touch



with the caller.

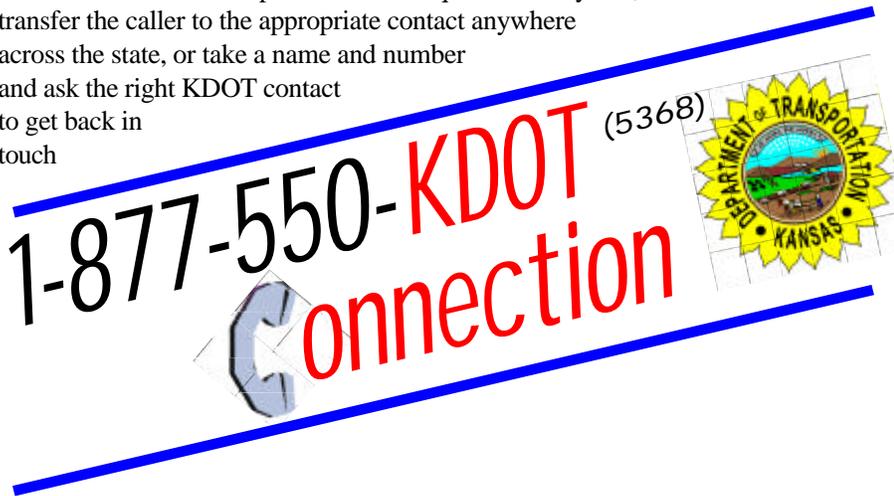
So the use of this line doesn't let the rest of us off the hook. It is still up to each of us to ensure that calls directed to us receive the attention that they deserve. We should respond to a caller within a few hours if possible. We should never let more than a couple of days pass without a reply.

The KDOT Connection operators are also trained to enter call data into the computer. The simple, point-and-click screen allows us to identify trends in the types of calls we're getting. This information can be an indicator for issues or problems that may be brewing. If we can address them proactively, we stand a better chance of keeping them from hitting the boiling point.

It took a collaborative effort to develop the KDOT Connection. The Public Involvement Steering Committee created the idea for the line a few years ago and has been a guiding force during development. A team from the Division of Administration, Bureau of Computer Services was instrumental in coordinating the details of the toll-free line as well as the software tracking system. The KDOT Connection Focus Group, made up of a cross-section of KDOT employees, provided vital information that led to a simple call tracking system.

And of course, the line wouldn't be possible without the support from the Division of Operations. From headquarters' staff to employees in the districts, areas, and subareas this division has worked very hard to make sure that the KDOT Connection is a success. Thanks to everyone for your support!

The KDOT Connection provides an easier way for our customers to get their message across to us. But it also allows us to send a message to them—that we care about their concerns. If you have any concerns or questions about the KDOT Connection, please call Christy Cain at (785) 296-3769 or e-mail at christyc@ksdot.org.



◆ KEY OF THE MONTH

The KDOT Connection number is 1-877-550-KDOT (5368). Once the line is fully functional in late fall, customers will be able to use the KDOT Connection to get answers to any state transportation-related questions except road condition or detour information. For this, customers should continue to use the Road Condition Hot Line, 1-800-585-ROAD (7623).



Lots of innovative techniques will be demonstrated like these shown at last year's expo with salt brine and motorgraders.

Learn new ways to battle the elements at Expo

By Kim Stich

With the searing heat this summer, some people might think a snowstorm sounds good. But when the time actually comes to battle snow and ice on the roadways, KDOT will be ready.

This year's Kansas Winter Training Expo at the Bicentennial Center in Salina on September 6 and 7 will be bigger and better with the event featuring new speakers, places to tour, and demonstrations as well as including city and county road department employees to participate with KDOT maintenance employees. The expo provides valuable training for all maintenance employees to help keep highways safe for motorists by bringing together the latest research, technologies and techniques for winter roadway maintenance.

"Working together helps everyone to share ideas which in turn provides better service across the state for motorists," said Jaci Vogel, Assistant Bureau Chief in Construction and Maintenance. "There are a lot of changes in winter operations involving

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Demonstrations will take place involving dump trucks, motorgraders, salt brine generators, backhoes, plows, and ways to use the Internet for weather information. City, county, and state maintenance employees will also use

their skills in a head-to-head competition showing their speed in installing tire chains.

"We want to be prepared to handle any winter storm as quickly and efficiently as possible. It's important to keep the roadways safe for the traveling public," said Roger Alexander, KDOT District Two Maintenance Engineer in Salina. "We gain valuable experience at the expo working with new equipment and materials that have recently been developed to help us in the fight against snow and ice."

Improving ways to predict storms and their effects on roadway surfaces and learning state-of-the-art winter maintenance operations from other DOTs across the country are two of the many presentations scheduled.

Approximately 67 vendors from numerous transportation-related companies will have displays and demonstrations of new machinery and materials throughout the two-day expo.

For more information about the expo, contact Vogel at (785) 296-3576.

System Enhancements

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Transportation Program (CTP) passed by the 1999 Kansas Legislature that Governor Bill Graves signed into law in May 1999. The legislation authorized \$1.05 billion for System Enhancements. Fifty million dollars of the System Enhancement funding was earmarked for Wichita's rail grade separation projects. The other \$1 billion was for statewide distribution.

Local governments submitted projects for funding in one of six categories: Rural Corridor, Rural Bypass, Rural Interchange,

Urban Corridor, Urban Bypass, and Urban Interchange. Projects were compared only to other projects in their category.

"No one should consider the unfunded projects as being rejected or unworthy," said Secretary Carlson. "Projects that were not funded simply did not rank highly enough *in comparison with the other projects in their category* and we had a fixed amount of funds to distribute."

The Economic Development Review Panel, appointed by Governor Graves and chaired by Lt. Governor Gary Sherrer, reviewed and scored each project based on potential economic impact. Each project

was also carefully reviewed by KDOT and given a score based on objective engineering factors such as traffic volume, safety, and design.

Secretary Carlson also noted that, thanks to local match requirements, an estimated \$1.3 billion worth of projects would be built—a third more than funded in the original legislation.

Construction of these projects is contingent upon funding as provided in HB 2071, the legislation creating the Comprehensive Transportation Program. See the accompanying list for the selected projects by category.

System Enhancement projects under the CTP

Rural Corridor (10 projects)

- ◆ Reno and McPherson Counties— K-61 from Hutchinson to McPherson (Four-lane Freeway)
- ◆ Hays— US-183 from I-70 north to 55th Street (Four-lane Expressway)
- ◆ Lansing— US-73/K-7 from Gilman Road to Connie Street (Five-Lane Urban Section)
- ◆ Garden City— US-50 from Kearny/Finney County Line to US-83 junction (Four-lane Freeway from west of Holcomb to Garden City, with Preliminary Engineering on to county line)
- ◆ Atchison— US-59 at the Amelia Earhart Bridge over the Missouri River (Four-lane Bridge replacement with state of Missouri's cooperation)
- ◆ Liberal— US-83 from south of Liberal to north of Liberal (Right-of-Way only, as requested)
- ◆ Coffeyville— US-169 from County Road 2400 to County Road 2800 (Four-lane Expressway)
- ◆ US-400 east of Garden City to Mullinville (Location, Design, and Concept Study)
- ◆ US-54/400 from Kingman to Mullinville (Location, Design, and Concept Study and Four-lane Freeway starting east of Kingman to the west as

funding permits)

- ◆ Coffeyville— US-169 from US-166 junction to County Road 2400 (Four-lane Expressway)

Rural Bypass (4 projects)

- ◆ Parsons— North of Town (US-160/400 Bypass)
- ◆ El Dorado— Southeast quadrant only (US-54 Bypass)
- ◆ Dodge City— Southwest of town (US-400 Bypass)
- ◆ Arkansas City— SE quadrant construction and SW quadrant study (US-77/166 Bypass)

Rural Interchange (5 projects)

- ◆ Salina— I-135 & Waterwell Road (Construct New Interchange)
- ◆ South Hutchinson— K-96 & US-50 (Reconstruct and Upgrade Existing Interchange)
- ◆ Newton— US-50 & K-15 (Reconstruct and Upgrade Existing Interchange)
- ◆ Jackson County— US-75 & County Road 150 (Construct New Interchange)
- ◆ Junction City— I-70 & Chestnut/East Streets (Exit 298) (Reconstruct and Upgrade Existing Interchange)

Urban Corridor (4 projects)

- ◆ Kansas City/Wyandotte County— US-24/40 (State Avenue) from K-7 to 118th Street (Five-Lane Urban Section)
- ◆ Wichita— US-81 (47th Street) from Broadway Ave. to I-135 (Preliminary Engineering study, as requested)
- ◆ Lawrence— US-40 (6th Street) from K-10 to Wakarusa Street (Four-lane divided Urban Section)
- ◆ Overland Park— US-69 from 75th Street to 119th Street (Reconstruction of roadway—partially funded)

Urban Bypass (2 projects)

- ◆ Wichita— Northwest Expressway from US-54 to K-96 (Preliminary Engineering and Right-of-Way only, as requested)
- ◆ Goddard— US-54 Bypass (Preliminary Engineering and Right-of-Way only, as requested)

Urban Interchange (4 projects)

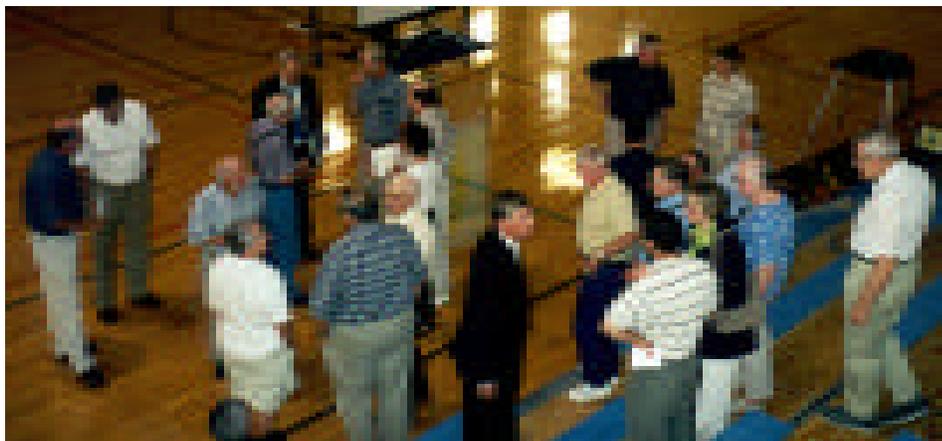
- ◆ Wichita— US-54 (Kellogg) from Sylvan Lane to Mission Road (Construct Woodlawn Interchange)
- ◆ Wichita— US-54 (Kellogg) from Mission Road to Heather Street (Construct Rock Road Interchange)
- ◆ Overland Park— I-435 & Antioch (Construct New Interchange)
- ◆ Lenexa— I-35/US-69 & 87th Street (Reconstruct and Upgrade Existing Interchange)

Secretary discusses K-96 improvements

Secretary E. Dean Carlson hosted a public meeting at Mt. Hope as part of KDOT's ongoing public involvement activities. He discussed with local residents and elected officials the recent improvements KDOT has implemented on K-96.

This section of K-96, between Maize and K-17 in Sedgwick and Reno counties, was expanded to four lanes as part of the 1989 Comprehensive Highway Program. It has been dedicated as the "State Fair Freeway" by the Kansas Legislature.

This meeting took place at the Mt. Hope Grade School gymnasium to provide a large air-conditioned room for the comfort of the



A group of people gather after the meeting to discuss different ideas and about the recent improvements on K-96 in Sedgwick and Reno counties.

audience. It was designed to be a follow-up to a meeting held last summer at the Mt. Hope Seniors Center. Secretary Carlson discussed additional signage installation, intersection lighting, intersection site distance improvements, and declining accident statistics that have taken place since the meeting last summer.

The 1999 meeting was attended by approximately 125 citizens. About 30 people attended this year's meeting. Other KDOT staff members attending this meeting were Nancy Bogina, Chuck Luedders, John Wiens, and Martin Miller. - *Story and photo by Martin Miller*

Area Five, contractors receive partnering award on I-70 work

The Area Five construction office in Wamego, Koss Construction Company, Inc., and the subcontractors on the I-70 project from K-99 east to Paxico, were awarded the District One Partnering award for 1999. The two-year project involved complete reconstruction of the roadway in Wabaunsee County.

To celebrate the efforts of everyone involved in the project, a partnering award picnic took place July 23 at Gage Park in Topeka. Employees of both organizations and their families were invited.

Koss, its subcontractors, and the Wamego construction office were presented the partnering award after a careful review of all applicants. Partnering is a goal at KDOT to build relationships and improve communication between the agency and contractors.

Don Beuerlein, President of Koss; Jim Ramsay, Kansas Contractors Association; and Steve Woolington, Director of Operations; made brief presentations on the importance of partnering. Ramsay and Woolington presented the awards. -*Story and photo by John Swihart*



Koss Construction Company President Don Beuerlein speaks at the partnering picnic.

Deaths

Condolences to the family and friends of two former KDOT employees who recently passed away.

William Legge died Aug. 3 in Salina and **Ralph Patterson** died Aug. 2 in Auburn, Wash.

Legge, 66, was the District Two Engineer at Salina from 1987 until he retired in 1996. He was a career KDOT employee and had worked for the agency 39 years.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, one son, one daughter, two brothers, and two sisters.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Falley Scout Reservation and sent in care of Ryan Mortuary in Salina.

Patterson, 82, was formerly a KDOT engineer for 34 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, one daughter, one son, six grandchildren, and one great grandchild.



At right, Loren Risch, Bridge Design Engineer, received a Certificate of Appreciation for service to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Opus/Virtis Product Task Force which he was a member of for 10 years. Ken Hurst, Engineering Manager for the State Bridge Office, presented the award to Risch.

United Way

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stages for the 2000 campaign,” said KDOT Chairman Al Cathcart, Coordinating Engineer in Design. “I hope that everyone will take the opportunity to take part in the activities that are organized. We want to have fun while supporting this important cause.”

Cathcart said information about upcoming events would be distributed when it becomes available, mainly through handouts, flyers, and electronic messages.

KDOT employees in the Docking, Thacher, District One offices and at the Materials and Research Laboratory are encouraged to support the drive. KDOT employees throughout the state are asked to participate in their local United Way campaigns.

In 1999, KDOT employees gave \$22,917.28 to help fund the United Way drive. Funds collected from the drive help support 32 programs in a seven county area. Donations to meet pressing health and human service needs will be distributed in Shawnee, Jackson, Osage, Pottawatomie, Wabaunsee, Jefferson, and Douglas counties. - S.W.

Internet site

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background is blue with a highway and overpass visible. The wording “Kansas Department of Transportation” and the KDOT logo are displayed at the top of the page.

Roth said KDOT’s Internet/Intranet Subcommittee was the driving force behind developing content improvements and layout of the new site. The Information Network of Kansas (INK), which is responsible for providing electronic access to state information to the public, was responsible for graphic design development.

Roth said that Margie Baum, Project Manager in Computer Services, coordinated the conversion effort with KDOT and INK. She was responsible for oversight on the project and a large part of the actual work.

Two of the new icons on the site are “Other Transportation Modes” and “Employment.”

Under Other Transportation Modes, separate information will be available on KDOT’s aviation, rail, public transit and bicycle/pedestrian programs. Roth said information that will be contained within the four sections is still being developed.

The Employment link will hopefully serve as a recruiting tool for KDOT. It will provide information about careers at KDOT, current openings at KDOT and the availability of Kansas state civil service jobs.

The “KDOT Welcome Center” is a new icon, but it provides information that was previously available including primary contacts about KDOT and Bureau responsibilities. The “FAQs/What’s New” icon combines information that was previously available as links. There is also a “Site Index” icon, which serves as a table of contents.

One major change will be the addition of information under the “Road Reports” icon. Beginning in September, there will be a link on the internet site that provides information on the Road Condition Reporting System.

Information is available in either map or text report formats on weather-related road conditions in Kansas. Viewers can check on the statewide system, primary routes or specific regions of the state.

Roth said the new site will provide more information for users and easier linking capabilities. The site is completely ADA compatible and integrates well with the INK structure.

“The norm in government has been for agencies to refresh and enhance information on their site every 2-3 years,” said Roth. “We didn’t want to make dramatic changes, because we have many repeat customers that want to know where information is on our homepage.”

The KDOT homepage can be reached at <http://www.ksdot.org> or <http://www.ink.org/public/kdot>

Attention Retirees

The 2000 Operations

Meeting will take place October 3-4 in Great Bend at the Holiday Inn, 3017 W. 10th Street. If you are interested in attending this year or if you would like to be invited to future Operations Meetings, please contact Dennis Weinrich in Construction and Maintenance at 785-296-3576.

Answers to last month's puzzle

Across

1. System Enhancements
2. Major Modification
3. Coordinating
4. Corridor Management
5. Fiscal Year
6. Scenic Byway
7. Aviation
8. Give 'Em A Brake
9. Right of Way

Down

10. Squad
11. Let
12. Deferred Compensation
13. Permit
14. Norton
15. Road Condition Hot Line
16. Local Partnership Program
17. Twenty-six, Six
18. Safety Belt
19. Traffic Engineering
20. E. Dean Carlson
21. Kiowa
22. Asphalt

KUDOS

to KDOT employees

Jerry Younger, Topeka Metro Engineer, recorded a double eagle in the KDOT golf tournament at Custer Hill on July 29.

M I L E S T O N E S

KDOT salutes its employees celebrating anniversaries in August

10 YEARS

Kirby Alexander Eureka
 Hugh Bogle Garnett
 Kathleen Bryson Manhattan
 Donald Duryea Salina
 Joe Foster Edwardsville
 James Grady McPherson
 Steven Harries Marysville
 Michael Hernandez Jr. Topeka
 Scot Keil Topeka
 Lee Russell Norton
 Cynthia Wilson Topeka
 Scott Vogel Topeka

20 YEARS

David Dye Meade
 Rod Kennemer Garden City
 Melvin Lohman Olathe
 Alan McClure Pittsburg
 Ralph Pollock Topeka
 Gloria Pontious Topeka

30 YEARS

Thomas Beatty Russell
 Jerry Kennard Osage City
 Lonnie Morel Grainfield

40 YEARS

Phyllis Garstecki Topeka

This information is compiled by each Office, Bureau, Division and District.

KDOT has impressive list of accomplishments

Once in a while it's good to take stock of what's been done. KDOT had such an opportunity recently when Governor Bill Graves and Lt. Governor Gary Sherrer asked all state agencies to prepare a list of

their accomplishments over the past five years (1995-2000). KDOT's list is certainly impressive. If you'd like to see for yourself, check it out on the Intranet. You'll find it under the "What's New" category.

Promotions/Transfers

Headquarters

Brandy Badenoch, Information Technology Consultant II, Computer Services
Deborah Barker, Engineering Technician Specialist, Construction and Maintenance
Rex Kraus, Engineering Technician Specialist, Design
Mark Krentz, Engineering Technician Specialist, Construction and Maintenance
Scott Marquis, Engineering Technician Senior, Design
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