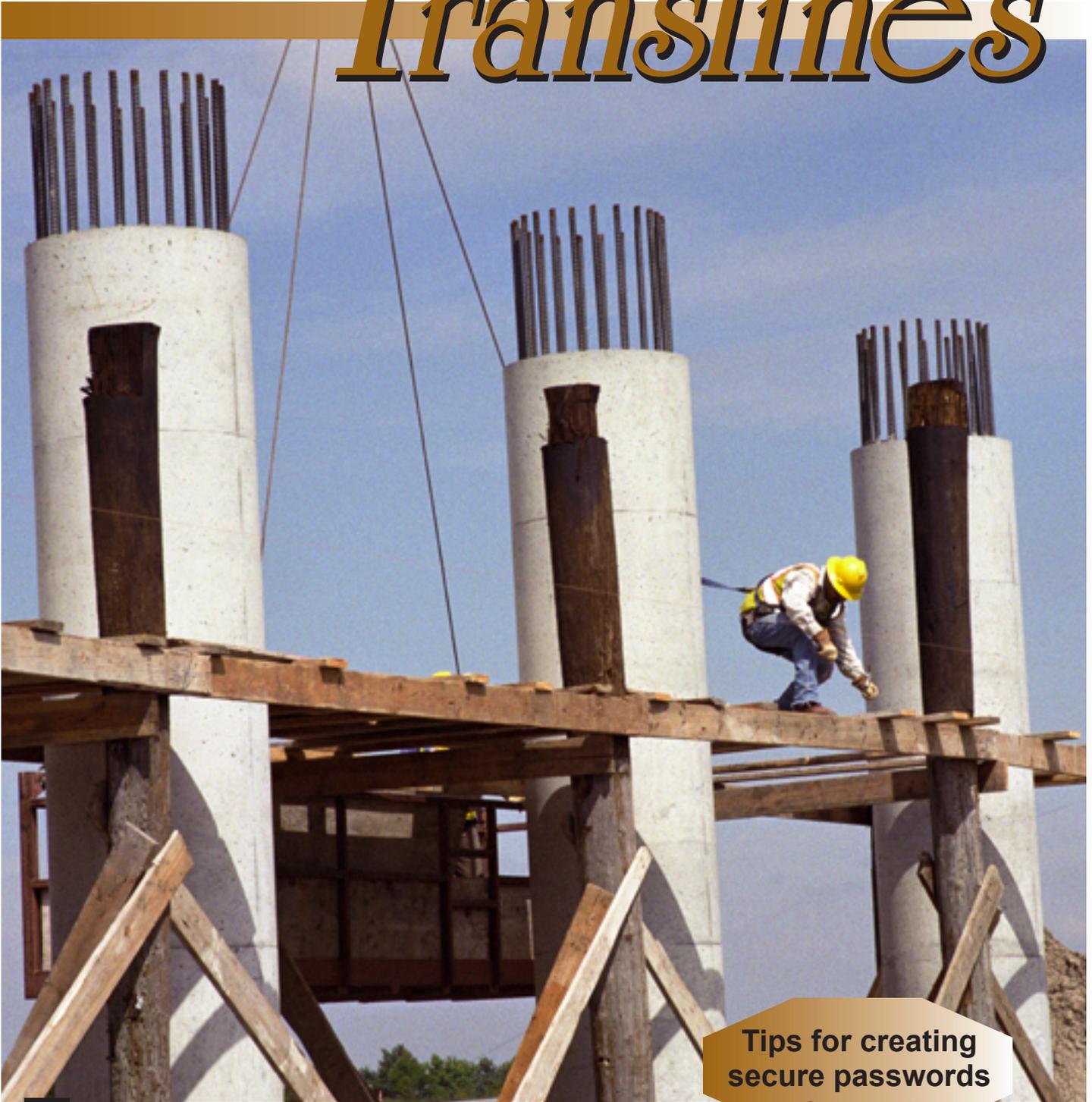


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*By Secretary
Deb Miller*

Autumn activity focuses on CTP successes, future

As the days grow shorter, the leaves turn and once again there is a nip in the air, a sizeable group of KDOT staffers are rushing around like squirrels gathering acorns for a winter stash.

Not to imply that these are squirrely people. But they've spent much of the fall focused on a deadline, moving fast – very fast, and intent on covering a lot of ground. And I'm one of them (I do sometimes feel a little nuts!).

The reason for all the activity: we have a lot to tell Kansans about the future of transportation in our state before the start of the 2010 legislative session.

Since September, I have been visiting chambers of commerce to talk about how far our transportation system has come in the past 20 years and why is it so important that we have a new program that will allow us to continue that success. I've visited Salina, Overland Park, Manhattan, Pittsburg, Dodge City and Liberal. And there will be more chamber visits before the end of the year, as well as a visit with the Kansas Association of Counties.

At each of these events, chamber and business leaders from surrounding communities have been invited to sit in. In all, I've talked to representatives of about 15 cities. To illustrate the impact of the CTP on their community, I have distributed fact sheets about the benefits of the program on each county and district in Kansas (preparing the fact sheets is just one reason the staff has been so busy). I encourage

you to visit www.ktoc.net to see the fact sheets, which have been well received.

I also tell the chamber audience that our great highways took 20 years to build to this level of quality, but without adequate funding, it won't take nearly as long for them to decline to pre-1989 levels. Nor will inadequate funding allow us to address the many needs the system still has.

Also keeping KDOT headquarters and district staffs busy were the series of eight local consultation meetings we hosted in October in Abilene, Topeka, Hutchinson, Chanute, Mission, Dodge City, Wichita and Hays. The purpose of the meetings was to explain our proposed process for selecting highway projects. This pilot approach scores projects on engineering factors, economic impact analysis and local input. This pilot selection process was recommended by T-LINK, the Governor's task force on transportation.

Also posted on KTOC is the scoring for more than 100 rural and urban projects, which we discussed with several hundred Kansans during the local consult meetings. I also encourage you to visit KTOC (<http://ktoc.net/>) to review the project list/scores. But keep in mind that this is simply a pilot and at this point we want to gather public input and evaluate how this approach works.

Finally, staff has spent considerable time this fall preparing for the Legislature's mid-September, interim committee meeting on transportation, where legislators began talking about a new program. The committee next meets later this month.

We have targeted the 2010 session as the best chance in the next three or four years to get a new program. The reality of the political calendar is this: in 2011, as a new governor takes office, it's not likely he or she will want to sign a big bill right out of the gate. The next year – 2012, is an election year for both the House and Senate and it is unlikely such a bill would gain much support when candidates are trying to get elected or re-elected. So that makes 2013 the next best chance after the coming session. And if we have to wait that long, I believe we will be missing opportunities to advance the state's economy and preserve our substantial investment in our system.

And that's why so many have been working so hard this fall.



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On the... COVER

A new K-61 bridge south of McPherson begins to take shape as part of the four-lane expansion between McPherson and Hutchinson.

KDOT helps bridge awareness for breast cancer

KDOT's support for breast cancer awareness was easily visible when you traveled across the U.S. 160 Walnut River Bridge in Winfield during the first two weeks of October.

What you saw was 600 bras blowing in the breeze donated by women determined to bring awareness and raise funds for breast cancer through their "Bras for the Cause" campaign.

Breast cancer survivor Barb Hrencher organized the event and

received approval from the KDOT Area Office at Winfield to string bras across the U.S. 160 bridge. During the first Saturday in October a group of women donned traffic safety vests provided by KDOT and hung the bras.

The idea for the project came after a family member told Hrencher, who is a cancer survivor, of a similar campaign last year that was held in Lawrence.

"Water is everywhere, so I thought why not here," said the Winfield resi-

dent. "We appreciate the support KDOT gave us for this important event. Hopefully people saw the bras and remembered a family member, a friend or their own struggle facing breast cancer."

Hrencher said bras were donated from across Kansas and even other states. During the hanging, team members stood on both ends of the median with signs. They visited with drivers, explained what was going on and collected \$500 in contributions. — *S.W.*



Bras are hung on the U.S. 160 Walnut River Bridge in Winfield to support breast cancer awareness month. Photo by Kurt Weaverling

Edgerton will be home for intermodal facility

Edgerton will be home to a \$750 million intermodal project that will potentially serve as an economic boon to the state.

The project includes a 440-acre rail-truck intermodal facility developed by the BNSF Railway and an accompanying 560-acre industrial logistics park developed by The Allen Group, based in San Diego.

In September, the Edgerton City Council voted 5-0 for an annexation agreement, project agreement and finance plan for the project. The move came after the Gardner City Council, which has three new members, voted 3-2 to rescind previous agreements with the developers.

"This project will create thousands of jobs, enhance the region's economic development and reduce Kansas' congestion and emissions by shifting more goods movements to rail," said Steve Forsberg, Midwest Director of Public Affairs for BNSF.

Forsberg said construction work could begin in 2010 if the state is successful in obtaining \$50 million in stimulus money for the project. KDOT has applied for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) federal grant and should know by December if it is selected to receive project funding.

"We anticipate construction for the intermodal facility to take between 18 months and two years," said Forsberg. "The new facility will transfer containers, many of which will be filled with cargo from Asia, from railroad cars to truck trailers."

The project will be located near 191st Street and U.S. 56 in Johnson County. There will be a total of seven million square feet of industrial space and the project is expected to be built out in 12 years.

"Intermodal combines the long-haul efficiency of rail with the door-to-door convenience of trucking," said Forsberg. "Trains are up to four times as fuel efficient as long haul trucks and rail has improved its fuel efficiency by 80 percent in the last 25 years."

Some interesting facts about the facility and its potential impacts include:

- The project will create more than 13,000 jobs in Kansas
- \$7.7 billion in wages in Kansas
- \$30.2 billion in sales in Kansas
- Each intermodal train will remove 280-300 long haul trucks from the highway
- Moving one ton of freight by rail instead of truck reduces greenhouse gas emissions by two-thirds — *S.W.*

Kansas scenic byway receives national award

The Kansas Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway, headquartered in Great Bend, recently received the 2009 Scenic Byway Award for Planning at the National Scenic Byways Conference.

The award is sponsored by the America's Byways Resource Center, Federal Highway Administration and American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. The Byway is one of nine scenic byways in Kansas, two of which are National Scenic Byways.

The award program recognizes byway organizations that showed exemplary work in four areas, including community involvement and public outreach; partnerships; advancing the goals of the byway's corridor management plan; and innovation. The Kansas Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway was recognized for outstanding community involvement, public outreach and partner participation and for its cohesive interpretive plan.

The 76-mile long Byway show-



The Kansas Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway runs along a portion of K-156. Photo by Kurt Weaverling

cases Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge. Together, these wetlands were voted one of the Eight Wonders of Kansas in a contest sponsored by the Kansas Sampler Foundation. Visitors to the Byway can visit the Kansas Wetlands Education Center at Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area to learn about the Kansas Wetlands complex and view wildlife in the wetlands.

Communities along the Byway also offer opportunities to enjoy Kansas natural history. Great Bend is home to the Central Kansas Raptor Rehab Education Facility. The Hoisington

High School Environmental Science class has built a songbird habitat. There are Underground Tunnels to explore in Ellinwood and Byway visitors can stop in Claflin where a 100-year old furniture store has taken over the town with "old fashioned" storefronts throughout.

The Kansas Scenic Byways program is funded by the FHWA and sponsored by KDOT in partnership with the Kansas Department of Commerce and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

To learn more about Kansas Scenic Byways, visit the website at ksbyways.org.



Hundreds of birds can be seen in the Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge. Photo by Sonya Scheuneman

TRIP report points to \$6.4 billion shortage of future funds

Billions of dollars are needed over the next decade to allow Kansas to maintain the condition of its state highway system, relieve traffic congestion and enhance economic development opportunities.

In a news conference on Sept. 28 in Topeka, The Road Information Program (TRIP) said Kansas will need a boost of \$6.4 billion in funds or the state system will be in danger of deteriorating. The report titled "Moving Kansas Forward: The Condition and Funding of Kansas' Roads, Highways and Bridges" outlined projects needed in Kansas that improve the state infrastructure and enhance safety.

In addition, a lack of resources could make it difficult to replace the nine percent of bridges that are functionally obsolete and the 11 percent that are structurally deficient.

KDOT's 10-year, \$13 billion program ended this summer leaving lawmakers with trying to develop a new program in a weakened economy. Secretary Deb Miller said the state's budget picture will determine how far any plan goes when the Legislature begins in January. An increase in motor fuels taxes, vehicle registration fees and bonding are options that will likely be examined for funding sources.

"Without some revenue increases, we're not able to fund a program in the future," said Miller. "I see a rapidly declining highway system if we don't address the problem."

The Secretary said KDOT allocated an average of \$650 million each year for projects under the

Comprehensive Transportation Program. The state needs to devote a minimum of \$375 million annually from state and federal funds to maintain the status quo.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provided approximately \$348 million in stimulus funding for highway and bridge improvements and \$30 million for public transit improvements in Kansas, which is not enough funding to complete all necessary transportation projects in the state. The federal transportation program expired on Sept. 30.

"Kansas has benefited tremendously from the federal surface transportation program," said Will Wilkins, executive director of TRIP. "While the state has put this combination of federal and state funds to good use in the past, in the coming years, many ad-



Mary Turkington, co-chair of Economic Lifelines, discusses the importance of infrastructure funding during a recent news conference in Topeka. Photo by Kurt Weaverling

ditional needed projects will remain stranded on the drawing board because of insufficient funding.

"It is critical that the state adequately fund its transportation system and that Congress produces a timely and adequately funded federal surface transportation program this year. Thousands of jobs and the state's economy are riding on it."

You can go to http://www.tripnet.org/Kansas_TRIP_Report_Sep2009.pdf to read more about the Kansas TRIP report on the Web. - S.W.



Local Consultation Meeting in Abilene

Above, attendees at the Local Consultation meeting in Abilene on Oct. 7 listen to speakers discussing the future of transportation in Kansas. At right, KDOT employees and attendees split into groups to focus on specific transportation needs. Photos by Kurt Weaverling



Kansas Scenic Byways receive grants

The Kansas Scenic Byways program and the state's two national scenic byways will receive a total of \$396,000 in grants from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to improve and promote the state's scenic byways.

The grants are part of the FHWA's National Scenic Byways Program, which recognizes and provides funding for roads designated either locally or nationally as having outstanding scenic, historic, cultural, natural, recreational and archaeological qualities.

The Kansas Scenic Byways program will receive \$160,000 to begin implementing a new marketing plan (under development) that will include digital media, Web site makeover and overall marketing for Kansas Scenic Byways.

The Flint Hills National Scenic Byway will receive \$76,000 to add a paved parking area for visitors to the Pioneer Bluffs Prairie Information and Education Center located just north of Matfield Green. The

Flint Hills Scenic Byway stretches 47.2 miles across the Flint Hills of Kansas on K-177 between Council Grove and Cassoday. The byway skirts the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve.

The Wetlands and Wildlife National Scenic Byway, headquartered in Great Bend, will receive \$160,000 to create an interpretive project entitled "Revealing the Road to the Byway Traveler." The 76-mile long byway showcases the Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge.

Since 1992, the National Scenic Byways Program has awarded almost \$388 million in funding for more than 2,832 state, tribal and nationally designated byway projects in 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.

The Kansas Scenic Byways program is funded by the FHWA and sponsored by KDOT, in partnership with the Kansas Department of Commerce and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.



By

**Anthony
Schlinsog**
**TRANSPORTATION
TALK**

Tips for creating secure passwords

Whether you use a password to access your home computers, KDOT network accounts, or online banking information, creating strong and secure passwords will help protect them from being accessed or viewed by those who shouldn't.

At KDOT, here are some of the policies we have in place regarding network passwords:

- Passwords must be at least seven characters long and a combination of at least three of the following: capital letters, lower case letters, numbers, and special characters like %, @, #, !. Within the next few months, we will be raising the minimum length from seven to eight characters to match industry standards.
 - Passwords expire every 30 days.
 - Users are not allowed to reuse any of their previous 12 network passwords.
 - When a network account becomes locked due to three consecutive invalid login attempts (due to use of a wrong password), the network account will remain locked for 15 minutes. This helps slow down automated attempts to hack our network by someone simply trying random passwords.
- While these policies can be viewed as cumbersome, they help in keeping our systems secure. Some extra steps you can take to make your passwords and our systems even more secure could include the following:
- Consider lengthening your password beyond the

minimum character requirement. The longer the password the more secure it is.

- Create a unique phrase, acronym, or combination of random words to make the password easier to remember. An example might be "star31%tree".

- Consider using a random combination of characters, numbers and symbols. A password such as "A7br2#e45\$" would be almost impossible to crack using the tools available to hackers today.

- Consider placing a special character in the middle of your password instead of at the beginning or end. Hackers will first try passwords with special characters at the beginning or end.

- Change your password any time you suspect that your password could have been compromised.

- Never share your password with anyone or let anyone else use your account. Never give your password to anyone, including Computer Services staff, Help Desk staff or your supervisor. A common trick of hackers is to call someone in an organization claiming to be from tech support and asking for your assistance in trouble shooting an issue - "Oh, and by the way, I'll need your password." If you ever do get a call like this, please report it immediately to your supervisor and Computer Services.

- Don't use any personal information in your password such as birthdays, phone numbers, Zipcodes, or the names of family or pets. An internet hacker can easily find out this information and compromise your password. Examples of poor passwords that fall into this category would be "Topeka785" or "05-Apr-78" or "Laura63\$"

- Don't use sequential numbers or repeat any character more than once consecutively.

- Don't recycle passwords or make minor modifications to an old password by adding, subtracting, or switching characters.

- Don't write down your password. And if you do, keep it in your purse or wallet and NEVER post it on your monitor, under your keyboard, under your mouse pad or any place on your work surface.

By following some of these simple information security rules, you can greatly improve the chance of your computer, our network and the information on it remaining safe and secure.

Anthony Schlinsog is Chief of the Bureau of Computer Services.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters needs everyone's help

By Stan Whitley

The Topeka Big Brothers and Big Sisters are looking for a few good MENTors.

"We have 193 children in the Topeka area needing mentors and 125 are males," said Katie McCollom, BBBS Developmental Director in Topeka. "There is a real need for positive role models."

The need for male mentors is so great that a program called "100 mentors in 100 days" began as a recruitment campaign on Sept. 1. Men and women between the ages of 18 and 75 are encouraged to contact Big Brothers and Big Sisters to help them meet their overall program needs.

In the Topeka area, KDOT was recently recognized for its commitment to the program with a certificate of appreciation for employee participation.

"We are proud to recognize KDOT for having one of our higher employee participation programs in the area that we serve," said McCollom. "We'd like to see more KDOT employees become mentors not only in this area, but throughout the state."

Two different programs are available to become a mentor. The first is a school based program in which you are asked to spend 45 minutes a week with a child preferably during the lunch time hour. The second is a community based program to spend three hours a week with the child enjoying activities such as movies, sporting events, shopping and hobbies.

McCollom pointed out that the state allows em-



Peggy Hansen-Nagy, Executive Office Administrator at Headquarters, takes time to mentor Helena as part of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program in Topeka. Helena is a second grader at Highland Park Central Elementary School.

ployees to take up to 90 minutes off each pay period to mentor children in the program.

Children with Big Brothers and Big Sisters are less likely to skip school, have higher self-esteem, earn better grades and less likely to use alcohol and illegal drugs. It's a small investment of time that pays big dividends.

"You don't have to change your life to change theirs," said McCollom.

Anyone in the Topeka area interested in becoming a Big Brother and Big Sister is encouraged to call (785) 234-5524 or visit www.kansasbigs.org

Calendar of Events

Nov. 10 - 11 a.m., KDOT Employees' Council Meeting, Third Floor, Eisenhower State Office Building.

Nov. 11 - State employees off for Veteran's Day.

Nov. 13 - 9:30 a.m. - Highway Advisory Commission meeting.

Nov. 18 - 1 p.m. Construction bid letting, Fourth Floor, West Wing, Eisenhower State Office Building.

Nov. 26-27 - State employees off for Thanksgiving holiday.

KDOT Computer Training

– from the KCTC

Increase your efficiency!

FOCUS: Excel

Recently a computer user asked one of our trainers how to drop a header into all pages in an Excel Workbook. We thought others might like to know how to do this.

Here's how: You can select several sheets first, and then create the header. Since all the sheets are selected, the header will go on all the sheets.

To select several sheets:

- Click on the first sheet tab
- Hold down the Shift key on the keyboard
- Click the last sheet tab
- Release the Shift key
- Now Insert the Header

When you are done, don't forget to deselect all those sheets!

To deselect the sheets:

- Press the Shift key on the keyboard
- Click the active sheet tab (the sheet tab that looks like it's in front of the other ones)
- Release the Shift key

Check out the shared calendar: KCTC for on-going classes. Contact the KCTC at kctc@ksdot.org or call Ingrid Vandervort 785-296-8993.



From left to right, Dodge City Commissioner Jim Sherer, Rep. Pat George, Mayor Rick Sowers, Larry Blake, Secretary Deb Miller, Ford County Commissioner Terry Williams and County Administrator Edward Elam participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the U.S. 400 Southwest Bypass on Oct. 15. Photos by Kirk Hutchinson

Bypass connects highways around Dodge City

State, county and city officials opened the U.S. 400 Southwest Bypass on Oct. 15. Secretary Deb Miller and other state and local officials were on hand for the event.

The Southwest Bypass connects U.S. 50 to U.S. 56 west of Dodge City and, combined with the Southeast Bypass built in the 1990s, provides a southern route around the city. Construction on the 3.5 mile, \$22 million dollar project began in April 2008. The road is being opened about a month ahead of the scheduled completion date.

The two-lane road was built on four

lanes of right-of-way to allow for future expansion. The new road includes bridges over U.S. 50 and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, the Arkansas River, the Cimarron Valley Railroad and U.S. 56. Another bridge carries Marshall Road over the highway.

With the opening of the new U.S. 400 segment, Wyatt Earp Boulevard in Dodge City will no longer carry a highway designation. U.S. 50 continues around the north side of the city and there will not be a designated U.S. 50 Business route.



The U.S. 400 Southwest Bypass connects U.S. 50 to U.S. 56.

Fun Facts and Trivia

Do you know?

Thanksgiving

♦President Abraham Lincoln declared the final Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving. Congress finally made Thanksgiving Day an official national holiday in 1941.

♦The cranberry is one of only three fruits—the others are the blueberry and the Concord grape—that are entirely native to North American soil, according to the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association.

♦The National Turkey Federation estimated that 46 million turkeys—one fifth of the annual total of 235 million consumed in the United States in 2007—were eaten at Thanksgiving.

♦Three towns in the U.S. take their name from the Thanksgiving bird, including Turkey, Texas (pop. 465); Turkey Creek, Louisiana (pop. 363); and Turkey, North Carolina (pop. 270).

Source: www.history.com



From left to right, Cpt. Art Wilburn with the Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP), Steve Rust with the Kansas Turnpike Authority, Technical Trooper Edna Buttler with the KHP, Phyllis Marotta with KDOT, Kim Stich with KDOT, Technical Trooper Tim McCool with the KHP, Betty Oliva with AAA, Kim Qualls with KDOT, David LaRoche with Federal Highway Administration, KDOT retiree Larry Emig and Cpt. Steve Zeller with the KHP pose for a picture with Gov. Mark Parkinson at the proclamation signing for Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day. Photo by Kurt Weaverling

Kansans can put the brakes on fatalities

By Kim Stich

On any given day across the U.S. in 2008, more than 800,000 vehicles were driven by someone using a hand-held cell phone, according to the National Safety Council.

Texting while driving is also a serious problem. “Every single time someone takes their eyes or their focus off the road - even for just a few seconds - they put their lives and the lives of others in danger,” said U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. “Distracted driving is unsafe, irresponsible and in a split second, its consequences can be devastating.”

From 2003 to 2008 in Kansas, 68 people were killed and more than 4,000 were injured in crashes caused by using cell phones or other electronic devices and other distractions.

Reducing distractions while driving is an important part of the national safety campaign Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day. The campaign strives to decrease all types of vehicular fatalities. Last year in Kansas, 385 people were killed and more than 21,000 were injured in crashes.

“Every time you get behind the wheel, you need to take responsibility and make driving safely your number one priority,” said Kansas Deputy Secretary for Engineering/State

Transportation Engineer Jerry Younger. “That includes avoiding any distractions, not driving while impaired and always wearing a seat belt.”

Organizations that work together on Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day in Kansas with KDOT include the Kansas Highway Patrol, AAA of Kansas, Kansas Contractors Association, Kansas Corporation Commission, Federal Highway Administration, Kansas Turnpike Authority and the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers.

Some of the activities for Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day this year included: 20 days of safety blogging on the Kansas Transportation Online Community, inviting cities and counties to sign local proclamations, a safety poster contest in which nearly 700 children participated, public service announcements, distribution of 20,000 safety brochures and Gov. Mark Parkinson signing a proclamation designating Oct. 10, 2009, as Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day in Kansas.

For more information on Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day, go to the Web site www.brakesonfatalities.org.

Remember - drive as if your life depends on it because, the truth is, it does.

Retirees

The following employee will officially retire from KDOT in November.

District Five

Donald S. Mincks, Public Service Administrator I, El Dorado

Employees who choose to have retirement reception information shared on the Internet can be found at www.ksdot.org, under News and Announcements.

**Welcome
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employees!**

Headquarters

Charles Dilliehunt, Program Consultant I, Civil Rights
Lindsey Douglas, Public Service Executive I, Governmental Affairs
Alicia Johnson, Public Service Executive I, Financial and Investment Management

District One

Jason Bernasek, Equipment Operator Trainee, Topeka
Andrew Foster, Equipment Mechanic, Bonner Springs
Joshua Hiegert, Equipment Mechanic, Osage City
Eric Stripling, Equipment Operator Trainee, Kansas City

District Three

Raul Bargas, Equipment Mechanic, Atwood

District Four

Andrea Persons, Equipment Operator Trainee, Independence
The Bureau of Personnel Services supplies information for new employees to Translines.

Step Back in Time



Construction work on U.S. 59 in Atchison County near Cummings in the 1950s.

M I L E S T O N E S

KDOT salutes employees celebrating state anniversaries in October

10 YEARS

Steven Beale Topeka
Brian Briggs Topeka
Gary Burroughs Emporia
John Cukjati Hutchinson
David Greiser Salina
Matthew Hubbard Garden City
Perry Huffman Oakley
Richard Lovelady Horton
David Ranes Mapleton
Kelly Wilson Independence

20 YEARS

Lora Kowach Silver Lake
Catherine Patrick Tonganoxie
Douglas Severt Chanute
Galen Thorsell Jr. Wamego

30 YEARS

Randall Balluch WaKeeney
Danny Edington Lecompton
Rhonda Nichols Olathe
Janet Nicol Topeka
James Waltermire Savonburg

40 YEARS

Rickman Burton Topeka

State service anniversaries are compiled by Personnel Services. Employees and home towns are included in this list.

Deaths

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

Robert "Al" Irwin 71, died October 6 in Wichita. Irwin was a career land surveyor working for KDOT 37 years before retiring in 1995. He is survived by his wife, Judy, two daughters and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, 313 S. Market, Wichita, 67202.

Jerry G. Menefee, 85, died Sept. 27 in Wichita. Menefee is survived by his wife, Karen, one son, one daughter, three brothers, four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Evangelical Free Church, Wichita, 1825 N. Woodlawn Street, Wichita, 67208.

Bernard E. Willis, 81, died Aug. 19 in Wheaton. Willis worked at KDOT for 35 years before retiring in 1988 as a Foreman at the Blaine Subarea office.

He is survived by his wife, Joan, one son, four daughters, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Ray R. Biege Jr., 87, died May 30 in Plano, Texas. Biege worked for the agency many years before he retired as Director of Personnel Services. He is survived by a daughter, a son and four grandchildren.

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Monthly retiree meeting in Topeka

KDOT retirees meet in Topeka on the first Tuesday of each month at the Coyote Canyon restaurant, 1251 S.W. Ashworth Place (Huntoon Street and Wanamaker Avenue). Lunch begins at 11 a.m., with a program that follows. All KDOT retirees are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Rodney Maag at 785-266-5449.

Do you know of other regular KDOT retiree meetings that take place across the state? Contact the Bureau of Transportation Information at 785-296-3585 to have it published in Translines.

Promotions/Transfers

District Three

Travis Scott, Professional Civil Engineer II, Norton
Michael Zwygardt, Equipment Operator Specialist, St. Francis

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