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District Five



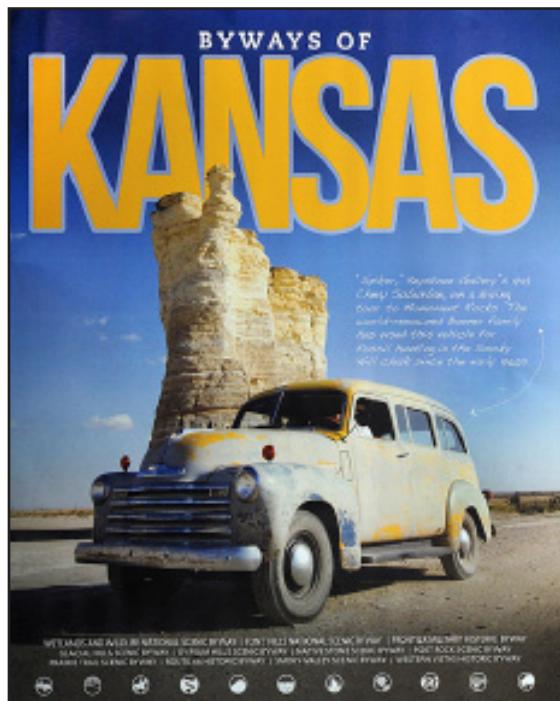
The collapse of a brick building in Kingman caused K-14 traffic to be detoured for a week.

Building collapse causes detour: A partial collapse of a 100-year-old brick building on Main Street/K-14 in Kingman on July 24 has led to the detour of K-14 onto city streets. Due to the continued danger of this two-story brick building collapsing and falling onto Main Street, the

temporary rerouting of K-14 continued until July 31 when the remaining sections of the building were stabilized or torn down. The KDOT Kingman Subarea worked closely with the city and local law enforcement to set up this detour to protect the traveling public.

Scenic Byways

The latest edition of the Kansas Byways travelers guide is now available. The guide showcases attractions and amenities of the state's 11 byways and includes many colorful photos of the state's flora, fauna and historic sites. The guide, for which KDOT provided about half the costs, can be obtained through the ksbyways.org website and eventually at the state's Travel Information Centers.



General

Election year reminders:

Department of Administration Secretary Jim Clark is reminding state employees of do's and don'ts concerning political activity in a memo sent recently.

"You are free to take part in any political activity offsite, on your own time. With few exceptions, being a state employee does not prohibit your right to participate in our political process. You are encouraged to support the candidates of your choice, and to vote on election day. At work, however, it is important to keep several Kansas laws in mind," the memo stated.

For details on the statutes, please read the rest of the memo on KDOA's website [here](#), or you can contact the Bureau of Personnel Services.

Trivia!

Basketball

1. What NBA player has scored the most points in a career?
2. What was the first year basketball was played in the Olympics?
3. When did the NBA institute the three-pointer?
4. Who scored 100 points in an NBA game? In what year?
5. At what school did James Naismith originate the game of basketball?
6. Who was the shortest person to play in the NBA?

Answers below

Kansas Export Forum

Export forum: KDOT and the Kansas Departments of Commerce and Agriculture will host the Kansas Export Forum on Aug. 27. The forum will bring together public and private sector speakers and attendees to identify transportation challenges faced by small- and medium-sized businesses and to discuss ways to streamline supply chains and stimulate international trade.

The Aug. 27 event will be from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Ball Conference Center, 21350 W. 153rd St. in Olathe.

Topics will include transportation infrastructure, regulatory streamlining and other strategies that help support and encourage exports. The program will have breakout sessions on liquids, food and agricultural products and manufacturing, and is scheduled to end with a tour of the BNSF Intermodal and Smart Warehousing facilities in Edgerton. For an agenda or to register, go to KansasCommerce.com/ExportForum.

KTA



The first-ever BlackTop Nationals Tour sponsored by K-TAG took place on July 26. More than 120 vehicles traveled down the turnpike for car shows in Winfield, Wellington and at the Kansas Star Casino. KTA employees joined the tour, talking to the public and distributing free K-TAGs.

In Memory

Condolences to the family and friends of KDOT retiree Carl Anschutz, who died on Aug. 3 in Topeka. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Aug. 9 at Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home in north Topeka. He worked at KDOT for more than 39 years as a land surveyor.

Have an idea for a news brief or picture that could be featured in an upcoming edition of Translines Express? Please e-mail to translines@ksdot.org

Federal Funding

Federal funding extended: Congressional passage on July 31 of a bill that extends federal highway funding through May provides temporary reassurance that Kansas projects and the jobs they create will continue as planned, said Secretary Mike King. “Federal funding makes up nearly a quarter of the funding for Kansas’ 10-year transportation program, T-WORKS, so this bill is important to continue the projects that are underway or already scheduled,” said

Secretary King.

“But Kansas and the nation still need a multi-year transportation bill from Washington that provides sustainable funding and certainty for departments of transportation as they address important infrastructure needs. In Kansas, transportation projects provide thousands of jobs in both the short and long term. The economic success of our state depends in large part on maintaining and improving our transportation system.”



District One

KDOT Equipment Operator Trainee Tony Shaw mows right of way along U.S. 24 near Perry. Maintaining the thousands of miles of highway right of way in Kansas is a continuous job in the summer.

Local Consult

Talking transportation: KDOT and the KTA want to talk about transportation with your community.

“KDOT and KTA are very much looking forward to hearing from local residents about needs and priorities in their communities,” said Secretary Mike King. “We will again talk about projects that are important to consider for preliminary engineering to ensure that we have vital infrastructure investments ‘shovel ready’ should funds become available.”

In addition, feedback about KTA-specific expectations will be gathered and the latest outcomes from the Kansas Freight Advisory Committee will be shared.

“It is important that we hear from you about future transportation investments in your region,” Secretary King said. “We look forward to the dialog and ask that you save the date to attend a local consult discussion near you.”

The locations and dates of this year’s local consult discussions are as follows:

Kansas City: Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon, Hilton Garden Inn, 520 Minnesota Ave.

Garden City: Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. to noon, Clarion Inn, 1911 E. Kansas Ave.

Hutchinson: Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to noon, The Ramada, 1400 N. Lorraine.

Wichita: Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. to noon, WSU Eugene M. Hughes Metropolitan Complex, 5015 E. 29th Street North.

Chanute: Oct. 6 from 1 to 4 p.m., KDOT Complex, 411 W. Fourteenth.

Topeka: Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to noon, Eisenhower State Office Building, 700 SW Harrison.

Hays: Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to noon, Kansas Highway Patrol Conference Room, 1821 W. Frontier Rd.

Salina: Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. to noon, Kansas Highway Patrol Training Center, 2025 E. Iron Ave.



One of the first phases of a 14-month project in north Wichita began in June with concrete patching on six miles of I-135. Working hours are restricted when mainline lanes and ramps are closed; on the northbound side, work in temporary work zones is restricted to 6 p.m. until 3 p.m. the next day while southbound hours are 9 a.m. until 6 a.m. There are currently five different work zones on the project including earth work on shoulders, storm water drainage extensions, slope stabilization under bridges (above), concrete pavement patching (at right) and increasing bridge clearances with new pavement elevations.



Signs

According to an article in Better Roads, no one is perfect, not even the folks who handle signage for the North Carolina Department of Transportation. After opening a new flyover bridge, WBTV in Charlotte, N.C., took this photo showing Pineville spelled incorrectly. NCDOT quickly fixed the sign.



District Three



Work to repair a major section of guard rail takes place along I-70 about five miles west of Goodland after a crash in late July.

MAASTO

King to lead MAASTO: Secretary Mike King was elected president of the Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials (MAASTO) last week at the group's annual meeting in Indianapolis.

MAASTO is a consortium of Midwestern states whose goal is "to foster the development, operation and maintenance of an integrated and balanced transportation system that adequately serves the transportation needs of the 10 member states."

Secretary King said his focus during his one-year term will be the seamless, state-to-state movement of freight in the region. In addition to Kansas, MAASTO states include Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri and Kentucky.



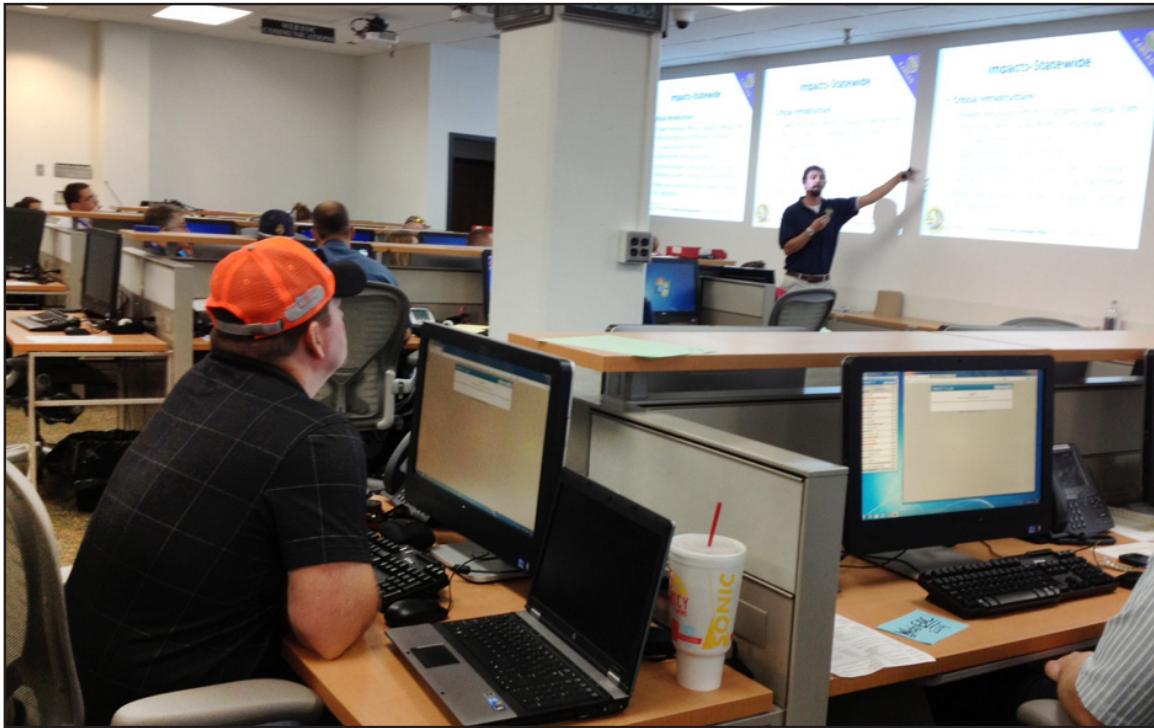
At right, Wisconsin Secretary of Transportation Mark Gottlieb passes the gavel to Secretary Mike King as he was elected president of MAASTO at the annual meeting last week.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, 38,387 points.
2. 1936.
3. Before the 1979-80 season.
4. Wilt Chamberlain, in 1962.

5. The International YMCA Training School (now Springfield College) at Springfield, Mass., in 1891. He became the director of physical education at the University of Kansas in 1898.
6. Muggsy Bogues, and 5 feet 3 inches, from 1987 to 2001.

General



Field Maintenance Manager Jim Frye listens during a briefining at Vigilant Guard 2014, a large, multi-state disaster response exercise that tests the capabilities of emergency response agencies. KDOT staff attended the event Monday and Tuesday in Topeka with several state agencies participating in simulations of multiple disasters hitting Kansas at one time.

District Three



KDOT employee Neil Croxton took this photo at sunset in Prairie Dog State Park in Norton County.

Retirees

The listing of people retiring from KDOT will now be published in Translines. We'll reprint those who retired as of July 1 as well as those who retired on Aug. 1 to get started.

July Headquarters

Donna Brewer, Administrative Assistant, Right of Way
Raymond Mehl, Engineering Technician Specialist,

Construction and Materials

Rebecca Nichols, Applications Developer I,
Transportation Planning

John Rosacker, Public Service Executive II,
Transportation Planning

William Vicory, Bureau Chief, Right of Way

District One

Brian Feldkamp, Highway Maintenance Superintendent,
Horton

Troy Hickman, Highway Maintenance Supervisor, Topeka

Michael Jesberg, Engineering Technician Senior, Olathe
Russell Lambert, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor,

Topeka

Dennis Lane, Highway Maintenance Supervisor, Topeka

Dennis Lindsay, Engineering Technician Senior, Bonner
Springs

Janet Snyder, Administrative Assistant, Bonner Springs

District Two

Eric Moore, Equipment Operator Senior, Marion

District Four

James (Gary) Ward, Highway Maintenance
Superintendent, Iola

District Five

Randy Shay, Equipment Mechanic Specialist, Winfield

August

Headquarters

Richard Ryan, Professional Geologist III, Structures and
Geotechnical Services

District One

Richard Wright, Equipment Operator Specialist,
Marysville

District Three

Roger Carlisle, Equipment Operator Senior, Oberlin

District Four

Justin Linnebur, Equipment Operator Senior,
Independence

Kansas Contractors Association



Brian Turmail, Executive Director of Public Affairs at Associated General Contractors of America, spoke at the Kansas Contractors Association news conference on Tuesday in Topeka about the new educational campaign designed to protect highway funding as well as educate state and federal officials on the economic and safety benefits of good roads. According to the KCA, the effort, called "Save Kansas Roads," will feature highway billboard and semi-truck ads, social media, direct mailings and public outreach to highlight the connection between good roads and a strong state economy.