



The City of Lenexa turned its fountain orange in support of National Work Zone Awareness Week, April 7-11. This was part of a safety campaign that highlights the hazards and dangers highway workers and motorists face in work zones every day.

### Kansas, Oklahoma Turnpike Authorities agree to interoperability

The Kansas Turnpike Authority has entered into an agreement with the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority for the two systems' electronic toll collection program to be interoperable by the end of 2014.

This agreement will allow K-TAG to be used on the Oklahoma Turnpike system and PikePass to be used on the Kansas Turnpike. For many customers who routinely drive on both systems, this will mean they will soon be able to use either a K-TAG or a PikePass, rather than both.

“That’s not only good for travelers, it’s good for business,” said Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback. “I wanted to see good business ideas when I proposed a formalized partnership between the Kansas Department of Transportation and KTA last year and I applaud Transportation Secretary Mike King for making this a priority.”

Secretary King, who is Director of the KTA, said the agreement will make travel between the two states seamless, smooth and efficient.

“Our customers have been asking for this convenience,” Secretary King said. “I am so proud we’ve been able to work out all the details to make this enhanced customer service a reality in 2014,” said Kansas Transportation Secretary and Director of KTA Mike King.

For more information on the K-TAG program, visit <http://www.myktag.com>.

## TWORKS

The table below shows how much work was completed last quarter and how much has been completed so far in the program.

Complete Last Quarter		Total Complete
	Lettings	
\$417M		\$2.2B
	Projects	
98		968
	Miles of work	
456		7,567
	Bridges	
68		475
	Modal	
\$5M		\$59 M

Winter of 2014 most expensive since 2008

\$22 million spent

2.7 million lane miles plowed

550,000

labor hours

## Secretary King visits all KDOT facilities

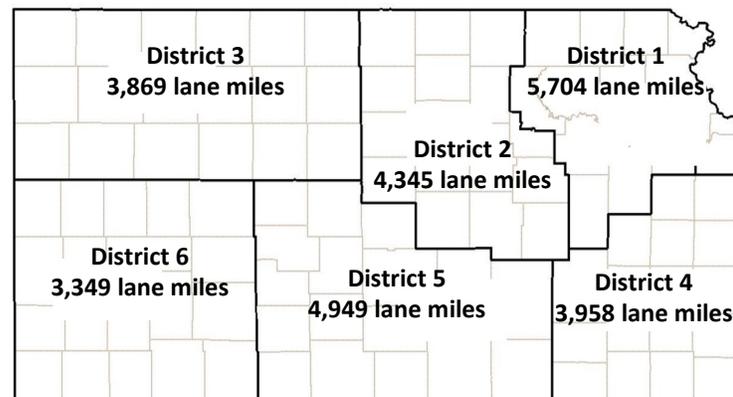
KDOT has 112 subareas spread across Kansas' 105 counties and Secretary Mike King has seen them all in the past two years.

Secretary King's visits in his first two years on the job have given him the chance to see first-hand the important work that crews do for their fellow Kansans.

Staffing is directly related to the amount of roads that are serviced in areas. Having many different subareas allows KDOT to respond to issues quickly. Whether it's helping with emergency services, taking care of snow and ice or working on maintenance projects, Kansas can count on KDOT to get the job done.

### KDOT By the Numbers

- 6 Districts
- 26 Areas
- 112 Subareas
- No office is more than 50 miles from another office to allow proper staffing



## Check out the Kansas Transportation Blog

Please visit [kansastransportation.blogspot.com](http://kansastransportation.blogspot.com) for the latest transportation news, interview with key leaders and fun throwback photos.

The blog has over 16,000 views since it began in January 2014.



# Built for the Growth of Kansas

## From Transportation Secretary Mike King

There are many reasons American grain and goods are competitive on the world market, but primary among those might be shipping costs. Other countries simply don't have the extensive, sophisticated transportation network we do and, as a result, they pay more to ship their products.



Freight and the Kansas shipping network were among the topics of last fall's Kansas Transportation Summit in Emporia. KDOT and the Kansas Turnpike Authority, the summit sponsors, committed at that time to form an in-depth exploratory committee to ensure that multimodal freight needs are addressed in the planning, investment and operation of the Kansas transportation system. That committee – the Kansas Freight Advisory Committee – had its kickoff meeting April 2 in Topeka.

The committee, which comprises producers, shippers, government agencies and some elected leaders, will provide input to me and help KDOT/KTA identify freight transportation issues. I am depending on the committee to help us prioritize highway and rail freight corridors of significance and identify multimodal freight infrastructure needs.

We had a great first meeting at which committee members were candid, upfront and clear about the concerns they have about the state's transportation system. It is my hope that KDOT, along with the KTA, can work alongside our private sector partners to ensure that our transportation investments mirror the needs of businesses. In the end, their success is Kansas' success.

### Freight Advisory Committee

MEMBER	ORGANIZATION
Tom Whitaker	Kansas Motor Carriers Association
French Thompson	BNSF Railway
Ben Jones	Union Pacific Railroad
Rick Webb	WATCO
Mike Kelley	YRC Worldwide
John Prather	Groendyke Transport
Kimberly Bonhart	UPS
Tom Allen	Cargill
Joe Goodwin	Seaboard Farms
Joe Pimple	Sauder Fabrication
Dwight Keen	Kansas Independent Gas & Oil Assoc.
Tom Casey	Express Well Service
Scott Ball	MV Purchasing
Coby Sedlacek	Landoll Corporation
Patrick Robinson	NorthPoint Development
Tom Tunnell	Kansas Grain and Feed Association
Aaron Popelka	Kansas Livestock Association
Jason Hammes	Frito Lay
Jason Ball	Hutchinson Chamber of Commerce
Jon Daveline	Hutchinson Chamber of Commerce
Robert Hoback	Ryan Transportation Services
Ron Achelpohl	MARC
Darryl Fields	MARC
Gloria Jeff	WAMPO
Chris Gutierrez	KC SmartPort
Mike Moore	Murphy Tractor
George Eakin	Osborne Industries
Sheryl Foster	Osborne Industries
Carolyn Dunn	Stafford County Economic Development
Rep. Melanie Meier	Kansas Legislature
Rep. Bud Estes	Kansas Legislature
Sen. Pat Apple	Kansas Legislature
Sen. Garrett Love	Kansas Legislature



Where each T-WORKS dollar goes



- Construction \$ .47
- Local Programs \$ .18
- Debt Service: \$ .11
- Routine Maintenance: \$ .09
- Transfers (KHP, etc.): \$ .08
- Planning, Staff, Buildings: \$ .04
- Aviation, Rail & Transit: \$ .02

- Sales Tax: \$.28
- Kansas Motor Fuels Tax: \$.26
- Federal Funds: \$.23
- Registration Fees: \$.12
- Bond Proceeds: \$.06
- Other: (Driver' License Fees): \$.03
- Local Funds: \$.02



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### Kansas Traffic Fatalities

January through March 2014	66
Same time last year	70
Total number in 2013	348



### Estimated construction lettings for April through June 2014

\$4M 40 miles 2 bridges	\$10M 3 miles 9 bridges	\$61M 52 miles 18 bridges
\$5M 127 miles 1 bridge	\$144M 106 miles 22 bridges	\$9M 34 miles 10 bridges

### Groundbreaking held for largest-ever construction project

KDOT leaders, along with Gov. Sam Brownback and officials from the cities of Lenexa and Olathe and Johnson County, broke ground April 22 in Lenexa for Kansas' first design-build project – the Johnson County Gateway Phase 2 Project. This \$288 million three-year project is also the largest project KDOT has ever let for construction.

With I-435 and K-10 serving as the backdrop, officials shared their comments and then officially “turned the dirt” with golden shovels at this mid-afternoon event.