

Below are many of the comments KDOT received praising the agency's overall efforts during the February 2013 winter storms

◆ E-Mails sent to KDOT

KDOT Employees:

Thank you for your conscientious and exemplary work during the two recent snow storms, and throughout the year. Too often state legislators lose sight of the fact that we do not provide services to constituents, state employees do. As a citizen who benefits from your work, thank you. As a citizen who believes state employees are under appreciated, I doubly salute you for your conscientious work on our behalf.

Tom Sloan

45th District Representative

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I didn't get any names, but please pass along my thanks to the KDOT survey crew who stopped to help me late Tuesday afternoon. My pickup blew out a front on the I-35 overpass north of the Schilling Road exit near Salina. I am a somewhat fit middle-aged male, but was having difficulty getting the lug nuts loose. It was scary because I was afraid I was going to lose my balance while squatted to loosen the lug nuts and fall backwards onto the pavement. Semi-trucks and vehicles were passing so close that their slipstream would rock me slightly. I was struggling with the last nut when I looked up to see the three crew members getting out of their truck to help. They took over from me and finished changing the tire. I know there is a policy prohibiting state employees from accepting gratuities, but I offered them \$10 for coffee money the next morning. They politely refused and waited until I was on my way. I told my wife that God sent me three angels disguised as a KDOT crew.

Many thanks.

Fred Vocasek,

Dodge City

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Many thanks to the great people and equipment that kept the Kansas side of State Line Road cleared and safe during the last round of weather we've had. We did our part by staying out of your way, but you did the hard and arduous work of clearing roads: enduring the snowfall, the long hours, the time away from home, and the very real danger hidden in every mile.

You have our sincere appreciation. Thanks for all you do!

Patricia Thedinger,

Overland Park



I would like to extend a compliment to the road crews that worked to clear highways after the snow last Thursday the 21 of February. On Friday afternoon I traveled from Larned to McPherson and then to LaCrosse. I was able to set my cruise and travel care free with the exception of one county. This was an amazing accomplishment by all involved.



Just wanted to tell you that this webpage is probably the most useful I've seen in a long time. The pictures of the freeway showing real time conditions is really great. Whoever thought of this idea should be given a promotion!

Thanks,
Chuck Clarke



I would just like to say Thank You!!! Kansas roads are truly superb and perfectly maintained. As a Garden City resident I could not be more proud of how safely and quickly roads were cleared and made safe again during this most recent storm. Efforts to remove the snow were simply amazing. As a resident and tax payer I could not be more proud of the work KDOT does!!! Well done and Thank You!!!

Dave Lunzmann

PS...I plan to share these thoughts with my state representatives too...hoping they continue to support your excellent work. Love 511KDOT too.



Dear Mr. King, I would like to let you know how impressed I was on the road conditions during my trip to Manhattan from Garden City last Friday. I was very hesitant as I told my wife we would travel to Oakley and then head east on Interstate 70. Must to my surprise and delight, the roads where all dry and I was very impressed. Being a Northwest Kansas and growing up in Grainfield I know how difficult it is to keep State highways open in this sort of storm. What I expected was a couple of spots that might have some slush or even a bit of snow pack once I traveled toward the Russell area. What I found was nothing but dry roads, and not just the roads but the shoulders included! On the way back Sunday, we traveled our usual route via the Ellsworth exit to Great Bend and onward to Garden City. Again, everything was dry and clear, even the dirt shoulders. Thank you very much to the men and women who spent countless hours making sure the roads were safe for everyone, it was very much appreciated. I can also tell you I have heard the same from others I know who traveled the Kansas highway system this past weekend.

Much Appreciation,
Tom Dinkel
Sunflower Electric Power Corporation



I just want to thank you all for my wonderful ride to work this morning. I got on I 35 to head to downtown KC and it was a dream ride...you and all your partners did an outstanding job!

Thanks,
Shawn Sullivan-Warner



We just wanted to say thanks to the road crews for the great job on the snow clean up! We live in Lane and U.S. 169 highway was in great shape going in to work this morning from 379th St north to Spring Hill. Because of their wonderful efforts throughout the day, the highway was completely dry on my way home tonight...FANTASTIC!

Thanks so much!

Cal & Merry McBride



JUST WANTED TO SAY THANKS FOR DOING SUCH A GREAT JOB YESTERDAY! I WAS ABLE TO MAKE IT IN TO WORK YESTERDAY AND BACK HOME WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS. YOU ALL WERE VERY EFFICIENT!

Paula Talbert R.N., B.S.N., C.C.M.



I use to work at KDOT in Hutch, payroll, until 2001. I am working a temp. job in Goddard driving Hwy. 54 daily. A compliment and a huge THANK YOU to your road crew out of Hutchinson and Kingman. I do hope you will pass this along to the crew with my sincere thanks. You are all great! Please let this road crew know how much I appreciate the job they did from Kingman to the Sedg. County Line on Hwy. 54. Last Thurs. after I dug out my drive in Kingman, I had a wonderful drive Friday, East at 6:30 AM thanks to the crew. Then again West Friday afternoon, from Goddard to Kingman on the same route. The minute I hit Cheney/Sedg. line it was the most horrific ride ever to Goddard. Washboard type. The kind of drive a person grinds their teeth down and due to the bumps; I think most of my fillings are now loose. They pay is never enough for what they do. I know clearing the roads is awful. The people working 12 hr. shifts, the ride in the snow plows jarring their fillings loose and their internal organs must be rearranged at the end of the day! Then there is the family time they have to withdraw from for their jobs. Not to mention cars in their way; working in the dark without knowing what may be on the road--- or who, must be a nightmare! All they want to do is sleep and not dream of being in the snow plow! Then there are the problems of locating enough material to take care of the roads, diesel fuel, filled to the brim with coffee and the constant sound of the motors from the plows. I hope KDOT springs for a big luncheon for the crew and please do not forget the people that are in the office trying to keep up with the calls and helping the crews on the highway. Perhaps a big thank you also goes for the families that miss their KDOT employee during this time. The best way to teach the public to drive on snow and ice is to send them to Gunnison, Colorado. If they survive the mountain passes, they can drive in Ks. If they don't----our roads will be safer. It would certainly limit the calls from people that expect their road be snow free by the miracle workers from KDOT.

Kathy Addis Kingman



I would like to say thank you to the ones that cleared the roads off during the two snow storms; whether they work for the state, county or city governments. Your hardwork is sincerely and gratefully appreciated. Thank you very much.

Rocky Harris

◆ Facebook posts

Jerry Moran

With snow totaling more than 10 inches in some areas of the state, the Kansas Department of Transportation is urging Kansans to stay off the roads today. The good news is the snow will provide much-needed moisture for our farmers.

I hope you'll use Kansas common sense if you do decide to brave the weather.

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Patti of Midwest Real Estate

Thank you to all the KDOT crews for the long hours they had to endure to keep our roads safe to travel on.

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Kevin Lynch

Thanks for your hard work on this one kdot

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Brian Choy

I know that you probably don't hear this enough, and can be kind of a thankless job, but I think you guys did an awesome job here in Wichita, Kudos!

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David Bradley

I can't say enough about our crew based in Anthony, Ks for their work in getting our roads in great shape. Thank you for keeping our roads ways safe.

Sincerely,
David Bradley

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Elly Sneath

Have been watching the Road Conditions Map and live pictures all morning. AMAZING work!

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Sarah Gentry

We would like to thank all the KDOT workers who helped make I-70 East so clear for travel. Thanks again
Lynn Grant Smith
Great Job on clearing the roads around Wichita.....Thank you!!!

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Sam Squyres

I would like to thank DOT worker who cleaned roads up in Kansas after snow fall last week, Great job,,Thanks agin

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Marcia Crawford Philbrick

Ways to stay informed about weather / roads: Like Kansas Department of Transportation, Kansas Department of Transportation - Northeast Kansas or search for #ksstorms on Twitter

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Billie Carlson

On Thursday Feb 21, 2013 I got myself stuck on I70 west at 18th Street in Kansas City, Ks. This happened about 9:00 am. After calling for a tow truck (who ended up being tied up in traffic and unable to get to me) and sitting on the shoulder of I70 for over 4 1/2 hours a KDOT snow plow began clearing a path in front of me and then behind me, then the angel got out of his vehicle and starting digging me out. I told him I did have a tow truck on the way, he said that is OK ma'am, but my job is to get you safely off the interstate. After he cleared my path, he stopped traffic on I70 so I could get out safely. Boy, I cannot say enough kudos about KDOT and that wonderful gentleman.

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Jeremy Hendren

Big thanks to the people working the Chautauqua County highways. Great job again guys!

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Danea Cramer

I want to say thank you to all of the men and women who prepared and cleared off the highways in Kansas during this recent storm. My Grandma passed and her funeral was on Saturday which was almost five hours from my home. I'm so thankful the roads were clear and dry so I could say good bye to her. Keep up the great work! It is much appreciated.

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Julie Marston

you guys did an awesome job on the roads

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Lorrie Collins

KDOT does an excellent job of keep the roads clear in bad weather conditions. I have to drive 30+ miles to work (1 way) and it's nice to know that I can count on them.

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Robyn Horsky Arthur

We drove across KS immediately after storm Q and the roads were great. Kudos to all to make travel safe! Thank you.

◆ **Twitter posts**

Dylan 'Doc' Brown @Doc_Brown_OS

Much respect for the @KDOTHQ crews working non-stop the past 48 hours to get the roads in the great shape they are in now.

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Kate Counter @KateCounter

Thanks @KDOTHQ for getting the roads nice & clean so I can drive back from CO. Yay plow drivers!!!



Jessica Reber [@Jayhawk_Jess](#)

[@KDOTHQ](#) [@wichitakdot](#) understandable. Thx for responding. Keep up the good work and save your energy for the next round! #kswx#blizzardofoz



Sheriff David Groves [@SheriffGroves](#)

[@KDOTHQ](#) [@SEKansasKDOT](#) traveled to Topeka this weekend from SEK and highways were great! Keep up the good work.



Jennifer Montenegro [@monte0508](#)

[@KDOTHQ](#) crews ready to go for round two of #blizzardofoz. Night crews will be in at 8 p.m. to work 12 hour shifts. #kswx #kwch12



WIBWweather [@WIBWweather](#)

500+ plows working 2 shifts 24 hours a day during storm. -[@kdothq#13swad](#) #kswx #kssnow



Kevin Boughton [@KevinBoughton](#)

[@KDOTHQ](#) rolling out almost 570 plows to clear roads in 105 KS Counties. We bring you the facts and figures of the storm tonight at 9 & 10!



Seth Bate [@SethBate](#)

Hm. [@KDOTHQ](#) says every road I need to get to class tonight is currently snowpacked &/or icy. <http://511.ksdot.org/KanRoadPublic/Default.aspx> ...Hope this gets better.



KWCH 12 [@kwch12](#)

[@KDOTHQ](#) is working to get the roads clear this morning. If you have to travel, take it slow. #kwch12 #kswx



LJWorld [@LJWorld](#)

K-10/I-70 snowpacked, drifting snow on US-59 this am. Check the [@KDOTHQ](#) road conditions map before you head out <http://bit.ly/VsonVk>



Jennifer Montenegro [@monte0508](#)

Getting ready to talk with [@KDOTHQ](#)'s Tom Hein on #kwchmorning.#kwch12 #kswx #snomg



Bryce Kintigh (@stormchasrbryce)

A big THANK YOU goes out to the road/plow crews at @KDOTHQRoads were much better today than expected. Proud of you guys. #thankfuldriver



Amanda Graor (@angraor)

Props to @MayorSlyJames - but also to the @kcpl @kcmo@MoDOT @KDOTHQ @KCATAMetro crews who've been working around the clock since last Thu



Jeff Roberson (@jeffroberson)

@KDOTHQ Thank you for all you do. It's great to know that even in the event of big snow storms your crews keep us safe!