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New Transportation secretary committed to T-WORKS program

Interim Kansas Transportation Secretary Mike King is committed to delivering the T-WORKS transportation program as planned.

“T-WORKS is good for the safety of travelers in Kansas and it will help the state achieve its economic goals,” said Secretary King. “I want to assure communities throughout the state that the important projects they are expecting will be delivered as promised.”

Secretary King was introduced by Gov. Sam Brownback this morning at the State Capitol as representatives of the transportation industry and KDOT leaders looked on. He is president of King Enterprise Group Inc. in McPherson, a general contractor serving the oil/gas/industrial markets in Kansas and adjoining states.

“We are excited to have Mike King join KDOT as interim secretary,” said Barbara Rankin, who has served as acting transportation secretary since Deb Miller left the position in December 2011. “I have been honored to serve as acting secretary and look forward to working with Secretary King and helping with the transition.”

Acting Secretary Rankin will return to her position as KDOT’s Chief Counsel.

“It’s great to have Mike lead the KDOT team as we deliver the T-WORKS program,” said KDOT Deputy Secretary and State Transportation Engineer Jerry Younger. “His background in the construction industry will certainly lend itself well to ensuring our continued status as one of the premiere highway systems in the country.”

Secretary King, who must still be confirmed by the Kansas Senate, is expected to start his new job in April. He and his wife Peggy live in Hesston and have four children.

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