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U.S. Bicycle Route 76 designated in Kansas

The Kansas Department of Transportation announces the addition of 487 miles to the U.S. Bicycle Route 76 (USBR 76), which follows the existing Trans-America Trail as it crosses Kansas.

Kansas is the fifth state to designate USBR 76 and there are now 2,013 miles of the route completed between Virginia and Kansas. The entire proposed route crosses the United States from Virginia to Oregon. KDOT worked with the many local jurisdictions through which the route passes, as well as members of Adventure Cycling Association, on the designation.

It connects with Missouri's recently designated portion entering Kansas near Girard. The newly designated route travels west via K-146, U.S. 54, K-19 and K-96 before leaving the state near Tribune.

"Bringing in bicyclists from across the U.S. as well as encouraging Kansas bicyclists to travel on the route will significantly increase tourism throughout the state," Kansas Transportation Secretary Mike King said. "We have so many wonderful places to experience and are pleased to be a part of this national effort."

The route passes along many scenic and educational locations such as the Flint Hills, the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center and the Quivira National Wildlife Refuge.

Bicyclists interested in riding throughout the state can find a variety of maps and other helpful information on the KDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian website at www.ksdot.org/bikeped.

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