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# **KDOT to contribute \$8 million in operations savings to state budget reduction**

The Kansas Department of Transportation's \$8 million contribution to the state budget reductions announced today will come from savings in the agency's fiscal year 2015 operations budget.

KDOT's operations budget last year was \$250 million, but spending from that account was just more than \$239 million, resulting in an \$11 million savings. The operations budget covers salaries and wages, contractual services, commodities, capital outlay and more.

"I'm proud that we were smart in how we spent money last year and created some savings. But we also benefited from a mild winter that required fewer staff hours in snow plows and less spending on sand and salt," said Kansas Transportation Secretary Mike King.

"As a result, we can make this reduction without layoffs or cancelling or delaying projects."

The FY 2016 operations budget is again set at \$250 million. That budget will remain untouched as a result of today's announcement.

"I want to thank Shawn Sullivan for allowing KDOT more flexibility in delivering transportation services to the state. Under Shawn's expanded role, we have already seen efficiencies in inter-agency workings and elimination of agency duplication of

services. This gives us the ability to deliver great value to Kansans,” said Secretary King.

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