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New WICHway Website is Smartphone-ready

WICHway, the Kansas Department of Transportation’s Intelligent Transportation System on Wichita’s highways, has a new interactive website that functions on all types of computers plus it is usable on Smartphones in much the same way as a phone app.

“With a growing percentage of Internet activity taking place on Smartphones, we thought it was important to adjust our information sharing to accommodate that platform,” said Secretary of Transportation Mike King.

“We want to share the data we gather from Wichita’s highways and allow drivers to make informed decisions about their travels. Of course, we want people to access this information before they get in their vehicles.”


Smartphone users can access the website using a search engine or their web browser. They can bookmark the page to their home screen where it becomes a shortcut to the website then functions like a phone app.

A short video illustrating this process is available at http://youtu.be/XDkyqLhOMSE.

Bringing an Intelligent Transportation System to Wichita’s highways began with a deployment plan that was completed in 1999. A test project was initiated in 2009 and the first full deployment of roadside cameras, traffic sensors and message signs was completed in 2011.

The information nerve center for WICHway is co-located with Sedgwick County 911 operators in their emergency communication center. KDOT contracts with Sedgwick County to provide a 911 operator at the WICHway console, monitoring cameras and posting messages, Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m., Wichita’s peak traffic times.
Partners in the project include KDOT, Sedgwick County, City of Wichita, Kansas Highway Patrol, Kansas Turnpike Authority, Federal Highway Administration and Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

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