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Miller's Time

*By Secretary
Deb Miller*

Space age solutions

For the past year, many of us in the transportation industry have been looking backward.

We celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Interstate, considered how far transportation has come and reflected on how the lives of Americans have been transformed by this remarkable highway system.

But the discussions about the Interstate weren't all just reflections. We also spent time considering what's next for KDOT and our transportation system.

As KDOT begins the second half-century of the Interstate, the system in Kansas is in good shape. By the time the Comprehensive Transportation Program is completed, we will have invested approximately \$2.3 billion in Interstate construction over a 20-year period.

We will have to protect our investment and maximize what we already have. And we will rely more and more on technology to help us contend with increasing amounts of traffic because we won't be able to add all the new lanes traffic projections might call for.

Already we depend on technology to help us move traffic where building more lanes is either impractical or unaffordable. For example, the SCOUT traffic management system in the Kansas City metro area uses embedded sensors in the pavement, cameras, overhead message boards and an operations center that looks like NASA's mission control to help motorists make better decisions during their work commutes. Some of this technology will soon be used in rural areas to help move an increasing number of trucks. Ramp metering is not far off. That will help manage the number of vehicles that can enter the system at a given time, therefore managing the congestion problem in our

metropolitan area. Our 511 telephone system allows travelers to "know before you go" and someday its travel information messages may be "pushed" through the radio in your car or truck, complete with GPS map illustration. Cellular probe technology will soon be used in a pilot project in Kansas City to help SCOUT determine travel times and whether there has been an incident on the road.

Small transit systems we help fund across the state are beginning to use Automated Vehicle Location systems that improve service to rural citizens and save money and time through more efficient operations. Commerce is already flowing more freely through the state thanks to PrePass, a system similar to the Turnpike's K-TAG that signals a trucker if he needs to pull the rig over at a weigh station.

Safety technology that seems more like something George Jetson would use on his commute to Jupiter is already quite possible. Adaptive cruise control, lane departure warning systems and night vision devices let drivers know of hazards ahead, behind or on the side.

Smart cars and automated highways (get used to hearing terms like these) could someday triple highway lane capacity by forming vehicle platoons controlled by computers, sensors and wireless communications systems. Such a system has already been successfully tested by the National Automated Highway System Consortium near San Diego.

How we pay for our roads in the future could be based on what time of day we travel and how fast we want to drive, all tracked electronically. And, research is being done on the use of nanotechnology to produce pavements and other structures that have self-healing properties. I'm not kidding!

All of these technologies could hardly have been imagined when President Eisenhower signed the legislation that created the Interstate system in 1956. We are counting on those who have imagination and skills to develop technology that will help us meet the transportation challenges that we haven't even thought of yet.

We may never get to the point that we have parking meters that reach out and bang your car if you haven't paid up – as George Jetson had to contend with. But maybe someday we will be lucky enough to have George's work schedule – three hours a day, three days a week – as well as a transportation system that looks as 21st century as the Jetsons' high-rise home in the Skypad apartments.

Safe Routes to Schools program under way

By Stan Whitley

A program empowering communities to increase physical activity for school children in a safe and routine manner is underway in Kansas.

The new program is called Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS). Lisa Koch, KDOT's SRTS Coordinator in Traffic Engineering, said the goal is to improve the health of kids and the community by making walking and bicycling to school safer, easier and more enjoyable. Less traffic congestion around schools, improved air quality and a cleaner environment are other potential benefits.

"Thirty years ago nearly half of all students from kindergarten to eighth grade walked or bicycled to school," said Koch. "Today that number

is much lower with many students arriving at school on a bus or private automobile. We want children to increase their physical activity to help develop a healthier lifestyle, but to do it with safety as a high priority."

In July 2005, Congress passed federal legislation that established a national SRTS program. The program, which was signed into law



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Historic Manhattan train depot opens

By Stan Whitley

Over 100 years ago, President Theodore Roosevelt delivered a whistle stop speech from the back of his train to a large and appreciative crowd at Manhattan's Union Pacific Depot. Roosevelt was back in town recently for a return visit to the historic depot.

Roosevelt, portrayed by Dr. Jim Sherow of the Kansas State University history department, delivered an abbreviated re-enactment of the speech that the 26th President gave on May 2, 1903. The special occasion was Manhattan's dedication of the newly rehabilitated depot.

"Rehabilitation of this structure and its eventual use



Transportation Enhancement funds helped restore Manhattan's Union Pacific Depot.

On the...

COVER

President Theodore Roosevelt, portrayed by Kansas State professor Dr. Jim Sherow, delivers a re-enactment of the speech that the 26th President gave in Manhattan 103 years ago.

Photo by Sonya Schueneman

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Concealed carry law will not affect agency SOM

A new law allowing the concealed carry of handguns in Kansas will not change the provisions of a KDOT SOM that prohibits employees from bringing weapons into the workplace.

The law allows Kansans older than 21 who complete a background check and undergo training to have a concealed handgun in public. However, the law does not permit carrying of concealed weapons in many physical locations.

"In the interests of promoting a safe work environment for our employees, our SOM 2.6.1 which prohibits possession of firearms on state property or in the workplace will remain in effect," said Secretary Deb Miller. "Please be mindful of this SOM, as there is a no tolerance policy for its violation, even if you obtain a license for concealed carry."

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Partnership effort helps improve AVA findings

By Jessica Leiker

Since 2002, Kansas has been the lead state for AASHTO's Technology Implementation Groups Air Void Analyzer (AVA) effort. On Feb. 21 through Feb. 23 a number of KDOT employees teamed up with the Federal Highway Administration and American Association of State and Highway Transportation Officials members to perform a study which would help determine the

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precision of the test procedures for various pieces of equipment and different technicians performing the test.

The team effort was honored as an Example of Excellence for the first quarter of 2006. Secretary Deb Miller attended the event on May 22 at the Materials and Research Center in Topeka.

During the three-day event, the team ran a series of simultaneous tests on different concrete mixtures, with as many



Secretary Deb Miller, middle row, third from left, is pictured with team members honored as an Example of Excellence on May 22.

Air Void Analyzers as possible to gather the required data. Over the testing period, seven cubic yards of concrete were placed in forms at the Materials lab, 266 samples of concrete were taken and analyzed with the air void analyzers, and 42 cylinder and beam samples were set.

"I am so proud of our whole team," said Jennifer Distlehorst, AVA Round Robin Testing Coordinator. "Each person found a way to give a little bit more, and their efforts made the whole week of testing go very, very well."

Dick McReynolds, Engineer of

Research, also was impressed with how well the event went.

"I was worried about taking care of all the extra people in the lab but we had zero complaints and there was minimal disruption in the office area; in fact, we got compliments from several attendees for how well the meeting went," he said.

KDOT members of the team include: Distlehorst, Susan Barker, Joe Beilman, Jim Bernica, Linda Bosak, Jason Brown, Raymond Brownell, Doug Brunner,

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KDOT selects 2008 TE projects

KDOT has selected 18 projects for its Transportation Enhancement program for Federal Fiscal Year 2008.

The total cost for the selected projects was \$9.73 million. KDOT had received 61 applications from local units of government for funding consideration.

"The Transportation Enhancement program provides federal highway funds for projects that strengthen the cultural, aesthetic or environmental value of our transportation system," said Secretary Deb Miller. "This program has been very popular in the state and these improvements couldn't have happened without

local partners and KDOT working together."

Many communities that apply for Transportation Enhancement projects show their commitment by providing at least 20 percent of the funding to help make their project become a reality.

"Funding is becoming tighter for all levels of government so that is no small commitment," said Miller. "Without a willingness to share the costs, these important projects would not happen."

A complete list of the projects can be found at www.ksdot.org under news release.

Retirees

The following employees will officially retire from KDOT on July 1.

District One

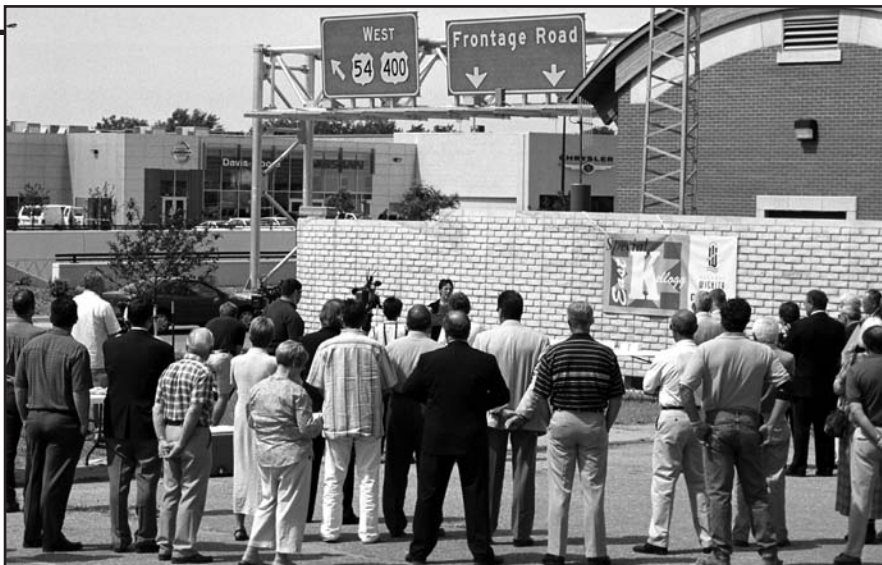
Teddy W. Wettengel, Building Systems Technician at Topeka – 15 ½ years of state service

District Three

Marvin J. Withington, Highway Maintenance Superintendent at Atwood – 39 years of state service

District Five

Thomas W. Tucker, Equipment Operator Senior at Hutchinson – 38 years of state service



The US-54/East Kellogg project in Wichita was dedicated June 7 by Secretary Deb Miller and local officials. The project includes about a mile of roadway and two major interchanges and moves the city closer to its long-range goal of a six-lane freeway across the city. The East Kellogg phase of the long-range project cost \$53 million, of which \$35 million was contributed by the state.

Transportation Briefs

Soaring prices

An analysis done by the Associated General Contractors of America shows that the cost of highway and street construction has been on a steady rise the last few years. They attribute these rising prices to rising asphalt and diesel fuel costs. From 2001 to 2005, overall construction prices have risen about 14.1 percent. Labor prices, however, have remained at a fairly constant average since 2001. —*Public Works, May 2006*

Come together

An effort throughout Minnesota, “Cooperative Street Efforts,” is making a real difference in cities’ abilities to address routine maintenance issues. For example, the city of Anoka is taking on the responsibility of caring for street light maintenance in four other cities as well as on its own streets. The city of Canby takes care of street sweeping throughout its home county in exchange for the county’s road salt. These and other cooperative efforts have helped maintain the roads, as well as added community spirit. —*KUTC Newsletter, Fall 2005*

Where the money is

London-based TNS Financial Service recently released a list of the 10 wealthiest counties in the U.S. Los Angeles County, Calif., tops the list with more than 200,000 millionaires. Next in line is Cook County, Ill., with more than 160,000 millionaires. Rounding out the top 10 wealthiest counties are Orange County, Calif.; Maricopa County, Ariz.; San Diego County, Calif.; Harris County Texas; Nassau County, N.Y.; Santa Clara County, Calif.; Palm Beach County, Calif.; and Middlesex County, Mass. —*American City and County, May 2006*

Surviving an oil crisis

Soaring oil prices have hit people’s wallets hard lately and have some thinking about how they can obtain essential services without using their own car. Sustainlane, an online source, recently ranked the 50 largest U.S. cities according to their economic readiness for rising fuel prices. Topping all others was New York followed by Boston, and then San Francisco. Fourth was Chicago with Philadelphia filling out the top five. —*American City and County, May 2006*

KDOT Computer Training

— from the KCTC

CLASSES ARE ON THE CALENDAR AT ESOB

Increase your computer efficiency! You may view the shared class calendar in Outlook. After clicking on your calendar, choose “Open a Shared Calendar.” Type in KCTC for the calendar name. Then you will be able to see all current classes. Classes listed in Red are FULL.

NEW CLASSES

Dreamweaver 8 L1 - August 29
Acrobat 7.0 Pro. – August 30
Misty will be on the road in August. She will be training in District Four for one week, then back in Topeka.

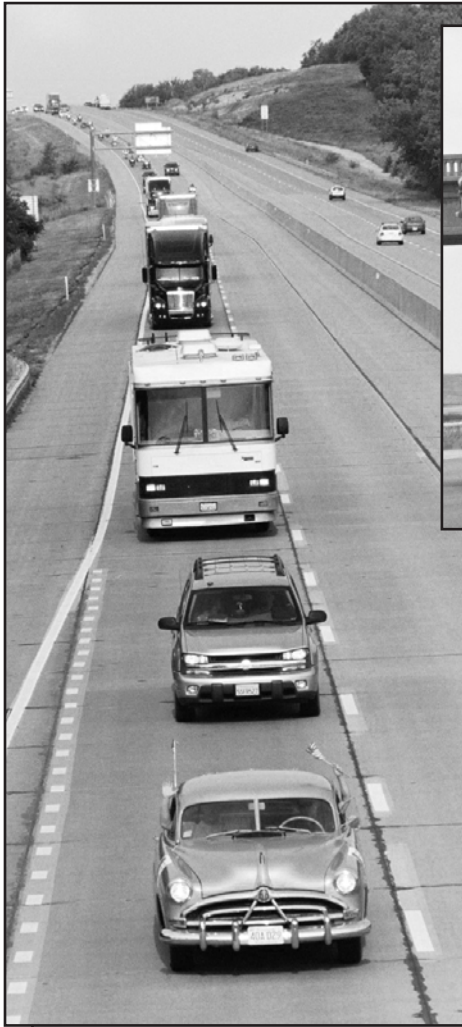
DID YOU KNOW?

Tips & Tricks:

♦ You can connect to the Internet or KDOT’s network from the road. If you’re going out on the road and taking your KDOT laptop, you may want to connect to the internet and check your email, or connect to KDOT’s network to do some work. The Help Desk has a handout available with instructions on how to accomplish this, or you can find the same information on KDOT Web’s Tech Support site: <http://kdotweb/kdotorg/burcompser/techsupport/default.htm>.

If you have any further questions the Help Desk can be reached at 296-0315 or 1-877-523-7381.

Enroll by e-mail kctc@ksdot.org or call Ingrid Vandervort 785-296-8993. **Questions are welcome!** Supervisor’s approval to enroll is necessary.



Top left: The convoy cruises down I-70 towards Topeka on June 23. Top right and bottom left: Kansans greet the national convoy at various overpasses along I-70 while traveling across the state June 21 and 23. Middle right: Lots of classic vehicles could be seen at the car show June 21 in Abilene at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum. Right: Secretary Deb Miller welcomes the convoy to Kansas from the front steps of Dwight D. Eisenhower's boyhood home on June 21 during the evening social. Also speaking that night, from left to right, were Dan McNichol, Interstate author; Merrill Atwater, great-grandson of Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Dan Holt, Director of the Eisenhower Center.

— Celebrate the Interstates! —

National convoy members shared their experiences during the trip across the United States from June 16-29 on AASHTO's web site. Highlights written on June 22 by Merrill Atwater, great-grandson of Dwight D. Eisenhower, are below.

TO ABILENE KANSAS FROM CHEYENNE

Today was by far the most exciting day during the convoy celebration. The drive today was long but it started out right. But, good things happened from the start traveling from Cheyenne to Denver then Abilene, Kansas.

When we got to Denver we drove in to the Forney Transportation Museum. After my tour of the museum was over, it was time to make a few remarks at the press conference before getting back on the convoy. Soon after we left for Abilene.

Kansas was a different ball game all together. There were 11 different overpasses on which people were waiting to greet us. They lined the overpasses with banners and American flags to welcome us throughout the state, as we were escorted by the Kansas National Guard. This was a heartwarming experience that could never be replaced.

When we arrived in Abilene it got better, bands were playing and people were greeting us like we were a part of the family. This was one of the most remarkable moments in my life. Soon after Dan and I were asked to say a few words. I have never felt so proud in all of my days on this earth: knowing that these people were here to remember my great-grandfather, Dwight David Eisenhower.



Photos by KDOT photography staff



Top: Former Federal Highway Administrator Mary Peters speaks at the Kansas Speedway event. Top right: Bill Reece (center), of Reece Construction Co., Inc., family and friends celebrate 50 years of Interstate construction. Middle right: Participants in the convoy take a "victory lap" at Kansas Speedway. Bottom right: People attending the June 21 evening social events at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum wave flags and cheer for Kansas National Guard members who escorted the national convoy to Abilene. Left: Dan Holt (right), Director of the Eisenhower Center, and Secretary Deb Miller (center), greet Dwight D. Eisenhower's great-grandson, Merrill Atwater, after arriving in Abilene.



Top left: A sign marks the first stretch of Interstate opened to traffic under the 1956 Federal-Aid Highway Act just west of Topeka. Above: Dan McNichol, Interstate author; Mike Lackey, former Assistant Secretary/State Transportation Engineer; Connie Achterburg, attorney who handled land condemnation for the original interstate construction; Jim Brewer, KDOT Engineering Manager; and Mary Turkington, Chairman of the Kansas Turnpike Authority; participate in a panel discussion at the Eisenhower Center. Left: The convoy leaves Abilene for Kansas Speedway on June 23.



By

Mike Stringer

TRANSPORTATION TALK

Change spurs innovative thinking

During a recent meeting with some of my supervisory staff, a comment was made about having to do more with less: "I know we have been told for many years that we will have to do more with less, but I never imagined we would have to be doing so much more with so much less."

The comment was not made as a complaint, but rather to emphasize concern for the need to maintain a competent, productive work force. Since I was still looking for a lead-in for this column, the theme of which was going to be the necessity for innovative thinking by our work force in today's world, it seemed a better start than anything else I had been able to plagiarize.

Our agency goal is to provide a transportation system that meets the needs of the State of Kansas. In order to suc-

cessfully and continuously meet that goal, we must continuously construct, re-construct, expand, improve and then maintain a level of service to that transportation system. As times change, the work we need to do changes, and the way we need to do our work changes. Yet, the goal remains the same.

It has always been a necessary part of working in civil service to expect to have to do more with less, sometimes "more less" than other times. But how is it that we are effectively doing so much more with so much less these days?

The answer, simple to state in words and easy to understand in importance, is this: In this age of constant change, with ever increasing demands on our time and resources, it is our ability to work together, to change, to adapt and to innovate that enables us to keep doing more with less. I don't think there is any way to overstate how essential teamwork is to our organization, as it is with most other organizations.

Change is inevitable and it can be frightening. Change also brings the need to adapt, which can be difficult. Change and adaptation can spark improvements that exceed expectations, but they don't have the same potential to improve as innovation. Innovation starts with an idea and ideas come from innovative thinking. Ideas generate excitement and enthusiasm that revive the energy that sometimes gets lost in our daily routine.

Our actions take us where our thoughts and ideas lead us. The State of Kansas Employee Suggestion Awards Program, which was highlighted in the May issue of this publication, is a great way to turn ideas into dollars. So let's keep up the good work, keep doing what needs to be done and keep looking for those new opportunities and new directions that come from innovative thinking.

Mike Stringer is the District Four Engineer.

People Saving People winners honored

Two individuals and two programs were recognized for their contributions to traffic safety by being selected as People Saving People award recipients recently at the annual Transportation Safety Conference.

"The People Saving People awards recognize individuals or organizations that advocate safety and have a positive effect in transportation safety behavior," said Pete Bodyk, KDOT Chief of Traffic Safety. "These winners have performed above and beyond the call of duty and are worthy recipients that should be recognized for their accomplishments."

Two winners were recognized in the Education and Awareness category, while one winner was honored in the categories of Community Leadership and Engineering; and Enforcement and Response.

Lisa Roth, a junior at Wabaunsee High School, was honored in the Education and Awareness category for organizing a traffic safety campaign at her school. The campaign, 'Drive as if your life depends on it,' was organized to prevent students, teachers and parents from being involved in a fatal or injury crash.

Roth's campaign included five 30-minute sessions that introduced students and staff to a wide variety of traffic safety issues. Officials from KDOT, the Kansas Highway Patrol and Kansas Drunk Driving Prevention Office gave presentations at the campaign. Roth is the daughter of Bill and LuAnn Roth, who are both KDOT employees. Bill works in Computer Services and LuAnn



Pete Bodyk, Bureau Chief of Traffic Safety, presents plaques to recognize People Saving People winners at the annual Transportation Safety Conference. The winners were, above left, Russ Briggs of Briggs Auto Group and Lisa Roth, Wabaunsee High School. Below left, Cindy Casey and Dan McManigal, Johnson County Med-Act EMS, and Alvin Gerstner, Kansas Corporation Commission.



is employed in Traffic Engineering.

Also honored in the Education and Awareness category was Briggs Auto Group. Briggs annually promotes its 'Tab for cab' program on New Year's Eve in the Manhattan, Junction City and Topeka area to get people home safely from celebrating the holiday. The cab fare for the safe ride home is paid for by Briggs.

Other transportation safety measures

are promoted by Briggs during weekly television advertising, encouraging safety by not drinking and driving, using safety belts and watching for deer on Kansas roadways. Briggs also sponsors MADD media events for area schools and thousands of students have participated in the events.

The Johnson County Med-Act EMS

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Excellence

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Larry Cheek, Kevin Dolton, Wil Entz, Chuck Espinosa, Glenn Fager, Mike Feiden, Kenneth Hallgren, Bob Heinen, Cliff Hobson, Bob Koch, Damon Larm, John Mah, Scott McAdoo, John McGranahan, Dick McReynolds, Mary Miller, Rick Miller, Rodney Montney, Gary Moulin, Valeria Mullen, John Nelson, Russ Penn, Denise Petet, Rudy Pfeifer, Ralph Pollock, Kent Rosdahl, Rachael Rush, Doug Severt, Bob Smith, Kelly Spiva, Kenneth Tinder, Bob Turner, Mark Walker, Tammy

Wilson, John Wiss and Rick Wyatt.

Do you know of a KDOT group, team, unit, or office that has gone above the call of duty? If so, nominate them for the Example of Excellence award. All KDOT employees are encouraged to suggest ideas and can now fill out Form DOT 1204. Once it is filled out, the nomination is then sent to the selected Division Director, Bureau Chief, District Engineer, Area Engineer, or Subarea Supervisor who can then sign the form and submit the nomination to Transportation Information.

The award is given quarterly. Nominations for the third quarter are due Sept. 30.

Conceal

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Workplace is defined as any place in which an employee performs duties for KDOT, including but not limited to state buildings, grounds and vehicles, meeting places and any other location where the employee may be working, such as a vendor's, contractor's or supplier's property or property being purchased by KDOT.

Senate Bill 418 also allows owners of property to restrict concealed carry by anyone on their premises.

"After considering the need to provide for the protection of our employees and being advised of past situations where our employees have been threatened by members of the public, I have decided that concealed carry should not be allowed by non employees in our buildings or on adjacent grounds throughout the state," said Miller. "In order to comply with the provisions of the new law, this will require our premises (other than the Eisenhower State office building where the prohibition is statutory) to be conspicuously posted in a manner likely to come to the attention of persons entering the premises."

The Secretary has asked the Division of Operations to develop appropriate signing guidelines for application at all KDOT buildings and adjacent grounds and arrange to have them posted by Jan. 1, 2007, when the first licenses for concealed carry may be issued.

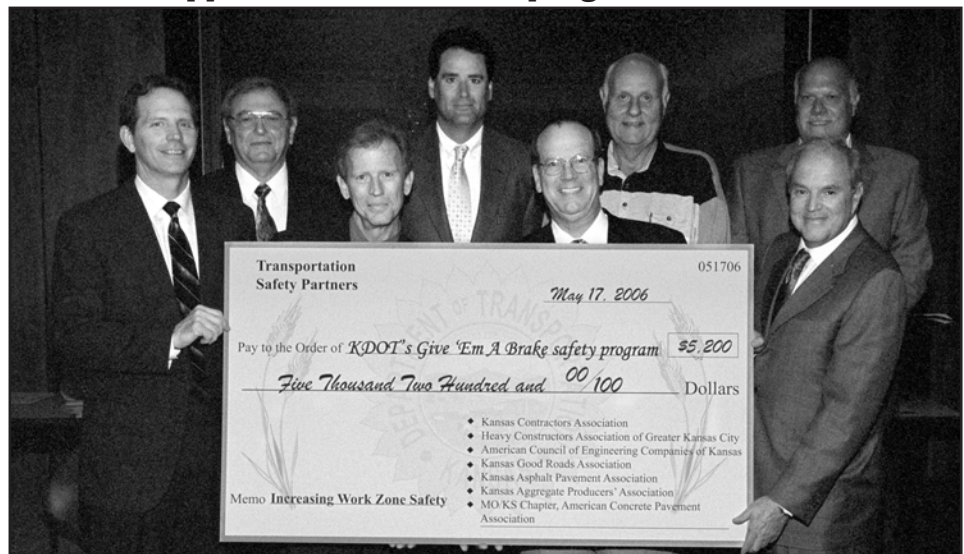
Deaths

Condolences to the family and friends of two former KDOT employees who recently passed away

Leonard A. Schraag, 80, died April 9 at Junction City. Schraag worked for KDOT 40 years before retiring in 1988. He is survived by one daughter, one son and four grandchildren.

Donald D. Monty, 77, died Jan. 19 at Hope. Monty retired after 41 years of service as an engineer for the agency. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and two sons.

Partners support Give 'Em A Brake program



Keith Warta, American Council of Engineering Companies of Kansas; Corky Beachner, Kansas Contractors Association; Marty Matthews, Heavy Constructors Association of Greater Kansas City; Jerry Younger, KDOT Assistant Secretary/State Transportation Engineer; John Koger, Jr., Kansas Good Roads Association; Jim Jones, Kansas Asphalt Pavement Association; Woody Moses, Kansas Aggregate Producers' Association; and Matt Ross, MO/KS Chapter, American Concrete Pavement Association; are photographed with a \$5,200 check that was presented to Younger in support of KDOT's Give 'Em A Brake work zone safety program.

Welcome new KDOT employees!

Headquarters

Shayne Caey, Information Technology Security Analyst II, Computer Services

Joseph Dillon, Network Service Technician I, Construction and Maintenance

Connie Eddy, Administrative Assistant, Local Projects

Jason Flax, Network Service Technician II, Construction and Maintenance

Margaret Weiser, Environmental Scientist II, Design

District One – Northeast

William Vesecky, Equipment Mechanic, Olathe

Erin Watkins, Office Assistant, Topeka

Awards

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was recognized in the Enforcement and Response category for its prevention program entitled 'Choices and Consequences'. The program helps educate Johnson County teens about the risks associated with driving irresponsibly. The presentation takes students through a traumatic motor vehicle crash by demonstrating EMS tools used to treat injury and save lives at the scene. Nearly 100 presentations have been given at almost every Johnson County High school.

Alvin Gerstner, who recently retired from the Kansas Corporation Commission, was honored for his work in the Community Leadership and Engineering category. Gerstner was recognized for his contributions to motor carrier safety data improvements. The quality of motor carrier safety data in Kansas improved greatly because of Gerstner's work. Numerous motor carrier safety and registration programs implemented in Kansas came about due mainly to Gerstner's leadership skills and technical expertise in these related areas. — S.W.

Safe Routes

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in August 2005, will dedicate a total of \$612 million towards SRTS from 2005 to 2009. About half of all states have developed SRTS programs.

"This program will benefit Kansans by educating students, teachers, parents and city officials on the health benefits for young people to walk or bike to and from school," said David Church,

Chief of Traffic Engineering. "It will also allow cities to provide safe routes to schools by installing sidewalks, bike paths, crosswalks and other infrastructure projects to encourage students to walk and bike to school."

Koch said the Kansas program dedicates 70 percent of funding to infrastructure needs, 10 percent funding to the non-infrastructure needs and the remaining 20 percent to be used in either or both categories as deemed necessary.

"Infrastructure funds are used to assess and make improvements to the physical environment around schools," said Koch. "These include many activities such as installing sidewalks or crosswalks, providing signage, benches

or bicycle parking, or slowing traffic near schools."

Non-Infrastructure funds are used to educate or encourage children to walk or bike to school. These activities might consist of in-school safety education, public outreach activities, traffic enforcement and program overhead.

KDOT is currently mailing applications to schools and cities across Kansas seeking potential projects in their community. A Steering Committee comprised of representatives from KDOT, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Department of Education, the Mid-America Regional Council and the American Heart Association will select the projects.

Dear Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following e-mail was sent to Secretary Miller. The KDOT employee is Gerald Casper, Highway Maintenance Superintendent.

Deb:

I just want to compliment one of your employees. His name is Gerald from the Hays DOT office. I lost a motorcycle side cover on Monday 1.5 miles west of Ellis on I-70. I called the Hays DOT office on Tuesday to see if they could try to look for it. I talked to Gerald and he said he would have the crew look for it.

Well as it turns out Gerald also notified the Trego County DOT mowing crew and they found the cover and it was in great shape. I was very happy to have it back. Please commend everyone who was involved as they went above and beyond my expectations.

Thanks,
Michael Lacy, Hays

M I L E S T O N E S

KDOT salutes its employees celebrating anniversaries in June

10 YEARS

Timothy Allen Minneapolis
Michael Bowser Topeka
Curtis Graham Waverly

40 YEARS

J.R. Campbell Topeka
Kenneth DeLong Topeka

30 YEARS

*Marcia Chapman Topeka
Michael Hahn Salina
*Leisa Halling Horton
Ron Shurtz Topeka

**denotes state service anniversary*

20 YEARS

Susan Barker Topeka
Randal Corwin Osborne
Loren Groth Salina
Roy Jennings Olathe
Daniel Kraft Yates Center
Shad Lohman Junction City
Donna Mahoney Topeka
David Riebel Iola
Barry Santee Hutchinson
Alan Spicer Topeka
Rick Warren Goodland
Sheila Yardley Garden City
Raymond Zellner Fort Scott

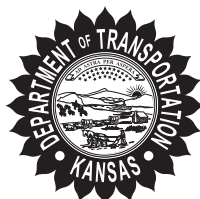
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Calendar of Events

July 3-4 – State employees off for Independence Day holiday.

July 11 – 11 a.m. KDOT Employees' Council Meeting, Third Floor, Eisenhower State Office Building.

July 14 - 9 a.m. - Highway Advisory Commission meeting, telephone conference call.

July 19 - 2 p.m. Construction Bid Letting, Fourth Floor West Wing, Eisenhower State Office Building.

Promotions/Transfers

Headquarters

Francis Coufal, Professional Civil Engineer I, Program and Project Management

Phyllis Elder, Program Consultant I, Traffic Safety

Michelle LaRoche, Professional Civil Engineer I, Design

Shannon Moore, Professional Civil Engineer I, Design

Robert Kennedy, Applications Development Supervisor, Computer Services

Hoyt Kinsinger, Right of Way Agent III, Right of Way

David Martin II, Engineering Technician Senior, Transportation Planning

District One – Northeast

Lance Abitz, Equipment Mechanic, Wamego

Liz Harper, Human Resource Professional I, Topeka

Blair Heptig, Engineering Associate I, Materials and Research, Topeka

Ronald Hornick, Engineering Technician Specialist, Olathe

Catherine Patrick, Professional Civil Engineer III, Topeka

Kris Thompson, Engineering Associate III, Topeka

Robert Turner, Highway Maintenance Supervisor, Lamar

Jason Van Nice, Engineering Associate III, Topeka

District Two – Northcentral

Ritchie Farrell, Engineering Technician Senior, Belleville

District Three – Northwest

James Armknecht, Equipment Operator Specialist, Hill City

District Five – Southcentral

Greg Dixon, Highway Maintenance Superintendent, Winfield

Rob Perry, Public Service Administrator I, Pratt

Darren Schloemer, Equipment Operator Specialist, Great Bend

The Bureau of Personnel Services supplies information for promotions/transfers to Translines.

Depot

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as public community space will help preserve an important part of railroad history not only in Manhattan, but the state of Kansas,” said Linda Glasgow, with the Riley County Preservation Alliance which partnered with the city of Manhattan on the dedication ceremony. “The Preservation Alliance has been committed to this project for over 10 years, so we are thrilled the depot rehabilitation is completed.”

KDOT has provided funding twice for the depot rehabilitation project under its Transportation Enhancement Program. Funds totaling approximately \$900,000 have been used to make interior and exterior improvements to the site and the surrounding area.

The current depot was designed as a one-story brick structure with a stone foundation and a hip roof covered in red

tile featuring gables. The deep eaves on the depot were supported by brackets.

There were three bay windows and a brick tower that extended to a height of 20 feet above the platform. The floor of the depot was hard maple and the interior walls were red Kansas City brick. The exterior walls were made of gray pressed brick.

The permanent depot was constructed in 1901 by the Bridge and Building Department of the Union Pacific Railroad at a cost of \$10,000. The depot saw its last passenger train in 1971 and the last freight train departed the depot in 1984.

“The sight of the depot elicits memories for many people in the community,” said Glasgow. “Memories of travel to college by train, of long ago vacation trips and soldiers departing for the uncertainty of war and returning home to their loved ones.”

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