Governor signs T-WORKS bill

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**By Secretary Deb Miller**

**T-WORKS is reason to smile**

I’m walking around a lot these days with a smile on my face.

It’s been that way since May 11 when the Legislature passed the 10-year transportation program T-WORKS. And I keep smiling because of the great things this will allow us to do for Kansas: preserve our top-ranked highway system, make needed safety improvements, allow the state to invest strategically in economic opportunities, and support non-highway modes.

Just as importantly, it will create or sustain an estimated 60,000 construction jobs and 175,000 total jobs throughout the Kansas economy.

It wasn’t easy to get the T-WORKS bill passed; legislation this big and complex never is. But the fact that it passed in this tough but improving economic climate makes the accomplishment even more exceptional.

I am so grateful for the leadership of Governor Parkinson, who may have been the staunchest advocate for a new program. And I’m equally grateful to the majority of the Legislature who not only supported the transportation bill, but also voted for the all-important revenue bill, which provides the key funding. Many of those legislators cast their votes knowing they were putting their political careers on the line. But they put those concerns aside and voted to move the state and our economy forward.

We began building a case for this transportation program in 2003. That’s when we initiated the Partnership Project and really got serious about examining our own agency. We had to ask ourselves whether we were operating in a way that both served the state and gave Kansans confidence that we could administer big programs.

Of course, we had successfully completed one program and were in the midst of a second. But we were going to need a different approach for a third program. The CHP and CTP were appropriate for the time and condition of our system. But we had evolved to the point where we needed to be more strategic about how we invested. And we didn’t allow ourselves to fall into the trap of thinking the same approach would guarantee future success.

From using economic analysis and local consultation when selecting projects, to using practical improvement approaches to stretch our dollars, there’s an expectation that T-WORKS won’t be business as usual at KDOT. Through the Partnership Project, the Long-Range Transportation Plan and T-LINK (the Governor’s transportation task force), Kansans and legislators expect KDOT to deliver the best set of projects within a given budget in a collaborative and flexible way.

Of course, the T-WORKS package wasn’t without detractors. There were those who thought that because our road system was in good shape now, we could get by without a new program. Others simply thought that the best way for the state to grow was to cut services. I guarantee you that had such thinking prevailed, we would have discovered just how quickly infrastructure can deteriorate if not properly maintained.

We wouldn’t be where we are right now without your hard work, and I want you to know how much I appreciate it. We’ve built strong credibility across the state – one interaction at a time – and that credibility is central to our success. A new program, especially at this time, wouldn’t be possible if citizens and legislators didn’t have high trust and respect for KDOT and the work we do every day.

That’s something to feel good about and I hope it puts a smile on your face, too.

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**Calendar of Events**

**July 5** - State employees off for Independence Day.

**July 8** - 11 a.m., KDOT employees’ Council Meeting, Third Floor, Eisenhower State Office Building.

**July 9** - 9:30 a.m., Highway Advisory Comm. meeting.

**July 21** – 1 p.m., Construction bid letting, Fourth Floor, West Wing, Eisenhower State Office Building.
Recycled phones benefit schools, students

By Kristen Brands
District Three Public Affairs Manager

Shutting off phone service to 80 state cellular phones means 15 school buses that transport students to and from Stockton’s school system every day now have 911 technology.

In a cost-savings move, District Three Maintenance Engineer Michael Terry made the switch from Alltel/Verizon to local cell phone service provider Nex-Tech – based in Lenora. “We were required to switch to a government contract and Nex-Tech provided free phone replacement plus an expanded service territory,” said Terry. “Construction Engineer John Riggins suggested that we consider giving the old phones to some of our local schools – he explained that a disconnected phone always has the capability to call 911.”

Nex-Tech CSA/Receptionist Donna Nelson concurs, even if a cell phone’s service has been discontinued – a 911 call is never denied by a communications tower. “A cell phone without service is still able to dial 911, because the tower always detects those calls,” she said. “The phone does, however, have to be charged in order to do so.”

Riggins put his plan into action, calling several local schools within the District. Sacred Heart Principal Carol Parker appreciated the call from Riggins. “At this time, the only communication the annexed buildings have with the main building is by use of a walkie-talkie,” Parker said. “So, having a cell phone, which could potentially reach the outside world in case of emergency, is really nice.”

Sacred Heart School, along with Plainville Elementary, will further benefit from KDOT’s old equipment as they will recycle the remainder of the old cell phones as part of a fundraising program. “We take part in the national Cartridges for Kids program, which recycles everything from cell phones to lap tops to old ink cartridges for money,” Parker said. “We make anywhere from 10 cents to $10 per item, which goes back into our technology fund.”

Superintendent of Stockton Schools Allaire Homborg agrees. “Recycling these phones has provided a safety benefit for our students.”

KDOT preservation program back on track

Eighty-four preservation projects totaling $86.5 million that were suspended in March due to budget cuts are back on track thanks to passage of the comprehensive transportation program T-WORKS.

The $8.2 billion program was recently passed by the 2010 Kansas Legislature. One major T-WORKS component was highway preservation where $4.6 billion will go toward ensuring every mile of Kansas highway will receive preservation work during the 10-year program.

“I couldn’t be more pleased that we are able to get our preservation program back on track,” said Secretary Deb Miller. “At the beginning of the year we had planned to do 1,600 miles of preservation work, but that number was reduced to 700 because of budget cuts. Now we will be able to address those important needs.”

KDOT rescheduled 70 of the suspended projects in its June bid letting. Bids will be accepted on 10 more of the projects before the end of the year and the remaining four will be let in 2011.

Before passage of T-WORKS, the agency had seen $257 million cut from its 2010 budget. The result was much smaller bid lettings, such as in April with nine projects and May with eight.

“The construction industry has been suffering because of the recession,” said Miller. “T-WORKS will help boost the economy by creating thousands of jobs for both contractors and suppliers.”

A list of the rescheduled projects are on KDOT’s web site at www.ksdot.org under Recent News Releases. – S.W.
The Kansas economy got a boost as Gov. Mark Parkinson signed legislation establishing the Transportation Works for Kansas (T-WORKS) Program on May 27. To highlight the impact the bill will have around the state, the Governor signed the legislation alongside Secretary Deb Miller, state legislators and Kansas workers in Topeka and Pittsburg, then in Kansas City and Wichita on May 28.

“This bill isn’t only about the miles of road, rail or runway – it’s about putting Kansans back to work. While other states are letting these important investments fall by the wayside, Kansas is producing results – a bipartisan solution that gets people working again and truly grows our economy,” said Gov. Parkinson. “In addition to the tens of thousands of jobs this plan will create, it also invests resources into every county in Kansas, furthering our ability to attract new companies and new jobs to our state through a strong infrastructure system.”

“T-WORKS is beneficial for the safety of Kansans and for the sake of the Kansas economy,” said Secretary Miller. “It will create jobs through a fiscally sound, common sense approach and protect Kansans’ investment in our transportation system. With the passage of T-WORKS, Kansas continues on the road to recovery.”

With this legislation...

- Every mile of state highway will receive some preservation work.
- Transit, aviation and rail projects will also be provided around the state.
- The state will continue to modernize the system by adding shoulders, straightening curves, flattening hills and improving intersections. These projects improve safety across the state.
- The 20-year investment Kansans have made in their infrastructure will be preserved.
T-WORKS program focuses on jobs, all modes of transportation

By Steve Swartz

T-WORKS, the comprehensive transportation program passed by the 2010 Kansas Legislature, will not only preserve and improve the state’s transportation system, it will create tens of thousands of jobs.

The $8.2 billion T-WORKS program includes $2.7 billion in new revenues during the 10-year plan. The new revenues will come from increased registration fees for heavy trucks, additional bonding authority for KDOT and a sales tax deposit that takes effect in 2013.

It is estimated that T-WORKS will create or sustain 175,000 jobs in Kansas over the next 10 years. The program passed by the Legislature provides 100 percent, or $4.5 billion, of the highway preservation funding recommended by T-LINK, the governor’s transportation task force, ensuring that every mile of Kansas highway will see some preservation work. It also sets aside $1.7 billion in new construction funds.

T-WORKS also provides $6 million a year for public transit services, which increases to $11 million a year in 2013, and $3 million a year in aviation funding, which increases to $5 million in 2013. The bill requires that KDOT spend a minimum of $8 million in each county in Kansas during the course of the program.

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The bill gives KDOT the authority to manage debt under a debt service cap of 18 percent. The cap ensures that the amount the State Highway Fund (SHF) owes in debt service in any given year does not exceed 18 percent of the expected SHF revenues.

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Sources of revenue over the next 10 years

Revenue from Existing Sources $5,486 (in millions)
Available for Construction, SCCHF, & Modes

New Revenues from HB 2650 and 2360
$100 increase in Heavy Truck Registration* 131
0.4% increase in State Sales Tax Deposit** 1,536
$1.7 billion in Bonds Issued 1,060
Total New Revenue $2,727

Total Revenue Available $8,213
Available for Construction, SCCHF, & Modes

* The registration fee increase begins in 2013 and includes heavy duty trucks. It does not include cars and light-duty pickup trucks, antique cars or motorcycles.
** The increase in the State Sales Tax Deposit begins in 2013.

Above, Rep. Margaret Long speaks at the Kansas City T-WORKS bill signing with Secretary Deb Miller, left, and Gov. Mark Parkinson, right, along with various industry workers. At right, Gov. Parkinson discusses what the program will mean for KDOT and private contractors in the highway construction industry at the Wichita event.
By Kim Stich

Improving safety on Kansas roadways took a front seat in the Kansas Legislature this session with passage of two bills - the primary seat belt bill (House Bill 2130) and the no texting and driving bill (Senate Bill 300).

The first bill amends state law to require every occupant of a passenger car manufactured with safety belts to wear a safety belt. The bill also allows a law enforcement officer to stop a passenger car for a violation of safety belt requirements by anyone in the front seat and by anyone under age 18. The fine will be $5 for the first year and $10 for the second year.

The state will also benefit from an $11.2 million federal grant and an annual appropriation of nearly a half million dollars for passing a primary seat belt law.

Gov. Mark Parkinson signed the bill into law on May 27 and it took effect upon publication in the Kansas Register approximately one week later.

“The passage of a primary seat belt law will decrease the number of people seriously injured and killed on Kansas roadways as more people buckle up, every trip, every time,” said KDOT Traffic Safety Manager Pete Bodyk.

The second bill, SB 300, prohibits a person who is operating a motor vehicle on a public road or highway from texting - using a wireless communications device to write, send or read a written communication. Law enforcement officers would be required to issue a warning citation for violation until Jan. 1, 2011. The fine for unlawful text messaging will then be $60.

All distractions while driving are dangerous, but the phenomenon of texting while driving has increased dramatically in recent years,” he said. “Outlawing and vigorously enforcing this new law will help to increase safety for all people traveling on Kansas roadways.”

From left to right, Rep. Gary Hayzlett, chairman of the House Transportation Committee; Lt. Gov. Troy Findley; Sen. Tim Owens, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee; K-State artist Brian Bookwalter; and Erica Bell, a Topeka student who was involved in an accident while texting, all speak on the dangers of texting and driving at a news conference at the Capitol on April 27. The bill banning texting and driving was passed by the Legislature and signed by Gov. Mark Parkinson on May 24.
Small Kansas contractor reaping benefits of ARRA

By Stan Whitley

A small Kansas construction company has reaped big benefits thanks to the American Recovery and Reinvestment (ARRA) Act of 2009.

L&M Contractors of Great Bend is getting a piece of the $33.2 million share designated for city and county projects through KDOT’s Bureau of Local Projects. The company, which specializes in bridge construction mostly in the western two-thirds of Kansas, was selected for three ARRA projects.

“The ARRA funding came at just the right time and it’s definitely been beneficial for our company,” said L&M Vice President Curt Mauler. “We needed the work because we were in the middle of a slack period.”

The projects include a $420,000 bridge replacement in Comanche County, a $393,267 bridge replacement in Saline County and a $292,272 bridge replacement in Barber County. The Comanche County and Saline County projects are already finished and the Barber County project is expected to be completed by the end of June.

“We hired several people for the additional work load, but what ARRA did that was really helpful is it allowed people to keep their jobs,” said Mauler. “I’m grateful we didn’t have to eliminate jobs when our work load was down.”

KDOT sought applications from local units of government to share in the city and county projects. Engineers from each of KDOT’s six districts evaluated and selected the local projects following specified criteria, such as job creation, whether the project was in an economically distressed area and whether it could be completed within three years.

All three of the projects that were awarded to L&M were in economically distressed areas.

A total of 79 local projects were selected by KDOT. In addition, ARRA required that cities with a population over 200,000 receive local funding for projects selected by their metropolitan planning organizations (MPO). The Kansas City and Wichita MPO’s selected 31 projects totaling $38.2 million.

Deaths

Condolences to the family and friends of a KDOT employee and former employee who recently passed away.

Stephen Yarnell, 63, an employee at KDOT for 23 years, passed away June 3 in Chanute. He is survived by his wife, Sandra, one daughter, one son, his father, two brothers and one sister.

Memorials in his name may be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital or Wilson County Rural Fire Department and may be left with the Penwell-Gabel Gibson Chapel, 16 N. Forest, Chanute, 66720.


He is survived by his wife, LeAnne, two sons, four daughters, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to St. Bernard’s Church Building Fund, or to the Wamego Public Library, and may be left in care of the Stewart Funeral Home, PO Box 48, 66547.
Dear Deb Miller,

I just wanted to pass along a big thank you for the excellent rest stop facilities on our state highway. Our family always uses them on any trips we take. They are clean, multiple stalls, interesting information, nice for picnics, etc.

With my job, I do bus trips for senior citizens and I have been stopping at the rest stops for breaks with the seniors. Let me tell you, they love them! They are all so very nice and clean!

Pass along this good work to your staff.

Thanks again,
Becki Yoder
Moundridge

P.S. The picture is of our group at Big Brutus
OGDEN – The last major Kansas highway project funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 officially got under way on June 2 at a ceremony along K-18. The $64.9 million project, which will include an interchange, four bridges, a four-lane freeway over a two-mile stretch and more, is needed to support the significant population and economic growth that will occur between Fort Riley and Manhattan. Fort Riley continues to see significant population growth as thousands of soldiers, families and workers locate to the area. Manhattan also is expecting exponential growth due to Kansas State University being chosen as the new home of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF). The project also will provide a new connection to Manhattan Regional Airport.

“This is another great day for Kansas as we prepare for our future opportunities with the expansion of Fort Riley and the construction of NBAF,” said Gov. Mark Parkinson. “This key infrastructure project not only immediately creates jobs, but allows us to attract new companies to the region, yielding long-term economic benefits for years to come.”

The project includes relocation of about two miles of Union Pacific Railroad track, flood control measures at Ogden and utility relocation. Sema Construction Inc. of Centennial, Colo., submitted the low bid for the project and is the prime contractor.

“This is an important project on a corridor that will experience significant growth in the coming years. It will create jobs now and support economic growth for decades,” said Secretary Deb Miller. “Without Recovery Act funding, we couldn’t have done this project in the foreseeable future.”

This project – Phase I – will cover two-miles of the seven-mile K-18 corridor between Fort Riley and Manhattan. Phases II and III will complete the corridor improvement, but no funds are currently available for the final phases. Estimated cost of all three phases is $140 million.

In April, about 3,000 workers were employed on Recovery Act projects in Kansas. The payroll for the month was almost $3.2 million. -S.S.

Peter Rombold, Special Counsel to the City of Ogden, discusses the importance of the K-18 project during a special ceremony on June 2.

Secretary Deb Miller, left, and other dignitaries watch as Gov. Mark Parkinson unveils the sign for the K-18 project, which is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.
Efforts to finish project delivery for the K-18 freeway project from Ogden to Wildcat Creek Road have been on the fast track for the past year since the project was selected for Recovery Act funds in spring 2009.

For their efforts, the K-18 Project Development Team was recognized as an Example of Excellence for the first quarter of 2010. Secretary Deb Miller attended the event in Topeka on May 24.

“The effort over the past year to collect information, survey the corridor, design the plans, buy the right of way and move the utilities for these projects has been exceptional,” said Chief of Design Jim Kowach.

The project was a good example of partnering, Kowach said. “Effective coordination with the cities of Ogden and Manhattan, Riley County, Fort Riley, the Manhattan Airport, the Union Pacific Railroad, state and federal agencies, and all the residents, developers and business along the route was critical to delivering the project for letting within the time allowed,” he said.


Do you know of a KDOT group, team, unit, or office that has gone above the call of duty? Then 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 with nominations for the second quarter due to Transportation Information by June 30. The deadline for the next quarter is Sept. 30. - K.S.
Gateway study honored

The Johnson County Gateway: I-435/I-35/K-10 interchange study, communications and public outreach program, including the study website, www.jocogateway.com, has been honored by the Kansas City Chapters of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) and the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC).

The two awards given were the 2009 PRSA Silver award in the Internet Communications category and the 2010 IABC Bronze Quill award for Communications Management Division, Issues Management and Crisis Communications Programs Category. Kimberly Qualls, District One Public Affairs Manager, Robyn Arthur, Public Involvement Manager from HNTB and Sturges Word Communications received the awards.

The Johnson County Gateway study will develop concepts to address traffic volumes, congestion, interchange pavement condition, access issues and safety on the interstates, ramps and side streets in the area. It includes two highway-to-highway interchanges, seven highway-to-local road interchanges and the mainline for K-10, I-435 and I-35 near the interchanges. The study is scheduled to be completed in late 2010.

Group provides insight

Members of the Peabody community met May 11 at the Peabody Elementary School to offer their perspective of passing lanes on U.S. 50.

The focus group in Peabody, along with a focus group on May 4 in Emporia, provided valuable information about the 100-mile corridor of U.S. 50 being studied. The purpose of the study is to gain a deeper level of understanding on the needs and expectations of passing lanes from those who travel U.S. 50 on a regular basis. In addition to the focus groups, the study includes an online survey, available on the KTOC website, and individual interviews with professional truck drivers.

While there is no funding currently available for improvements along U.S. 50, this input helps KDOT prioritize improvements as funding becomes available.

ARRA project progresses

Reconstruction of the west U.S. 183/U. S. 36 intersection in Phillipsburg has moved into its second phase as traffic has been switched to the newly completed westbound U.S. 36 lanes.

The job began on April 1 to rebuild the intersection with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds.

The first phase consisted of detouring U.S. 183 traffic one block west of the intersection onto First and F Streets in Phillipsburg.

“Now that the first phase of construction is complete, drivers are using the newly constructed westbound lanes and the contractors are working on the eastbound lanes,” said Area One Construction Engineer Jim Riener.

Prime contracting firm Smoky Hill L.L.C. of Salina oversees the $464,855 project.

Buildings improved

KDOT staff at the District Four Administrative Office in Chanute can put away their space heaters and window fans, thanks to a new climate control system.

The new system uses forced heating and air conditioning. It replaced a boiler-based operation that took several uncomfortable days to change over from heating to cooling and vice versa. A-1 Electric of Chanute began taking out the boiler and installing the new system apparatus in mid-March, finishing the work in early May. To help speed the process and avoid the noise and dust,
most of the employees relocated to temporary quarters in the south building on the district complex.

All of the old heating/cooling registers have been removed, freeing up more office space. Other enhancements include a new hot water tank, bright and attractive fluorescent hallway lighting and some new electric wiring.

Detours in Wichita

Two major projects in the Wichita Metro have motorists using alternate strategies to get from Point A to Point B. At the I-135 and U.S. 54/400 interchange, ramps from I-135 to Kellogg Avenue (U.S. 54/400) are closed as they are rebuilt as two-lane ramps. Repairs to existing bridges on the ramps are also being completed. This navigation challenge comes on the heels of last year’s work at the interchange when ramps were rebuilt from Kellogg to I-135 (with six-month ramp closures).

The second is the I-135 at 47th Street South project. While all highways and turning movements are available as the interchange is reconstructed, it is not without its challenges.

The project at Kellogg will wrap up in October but the 47th Street project includes the construction of four bridges and three phases of street construction pushing the completion date into late-2011. Adding more navigation challenges are the 13 Recovery Act local projects and an assortment of other city and county projects that have drivers seeing orange as they go from Point A via a couple of detours, to Point B.

U.S. 50 paving begins

A major project in District Six - work on U.S. 50 - has begun paving as scheduled. The project’s final completion date is estimated to be July of 2011.

The project consists of two parts:

1) Determine a location and design concept for making U.S. 50 a four-lane, access-controlled highway from the Kearny/Finney county line east to just east of the west junction with U.S. 83.

2) Based on the location and design concept, design and build four lanes with controlled access from about one mile west of Holcomb east to Third Street, including the U.S. 83 junction.

The improvements will increase the capacity of U.S. 50 and provide efficient travel and safe access to the highway at appropriate locations. The project should address current needs while providing for projected increases in traffic volume in the future.

Paving takes place along U.S. 50 in Finney County. Photo by Calvin Carter
Fun Facts and Trivia

Do you know?

Tornado safety tips

Determine your shelter ahead of time so you don’t have to think about it when weather strikes.

In vehicles or mobile homes: Abandon them and go to a substantial structure or designated tornado shelter. Most deaths occur in cars or mobile homes.

If no suitable structure is nearby: Lie flat in a ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands. Be alert for flash floods.

In homes or small buildings: Go to the basement or to an interior room on the lowest floor (closet or bathroom). Upper floors are unsafe. If there is no time to descend, go to a closet, a small room with strong walls or an inside hallway. Stay away from windows and wrap yourself in overcoats or blankets to protect yourself from flying debris.

In general, remember to “DUCK” –
• Down to the lowest level
• Under something sturdy
• Cover your head
• Keep in the shelter until the storm has passed

From the National Weather Service, the Kansas Emergency Management Association and the Kansas Division of Emergency Management 2010 information packet

Interactive map details CTP spending and improvements

How beneficial was the Comprehensive Transportation Program for the citizens of Kansas? A couple of clicks on KDOT’s website and you’ll get the answer.

There’s a valuable resource on the agency homepage that allows users easy access to information detailing the impact of the 10-year program which ended last year. Under Topics of Interest click on “See how and where your transportation tax dollars are spent” and you will have the information through a CTP interactive map.

“We do a good job of sharing information with the public, but it’s often in a format that’s hard to understand because of coding and technical terms,” said Kyle Schneweis, former Chief of Governmental Affairs. He has since left KDOT to work for a private contractor. “The idea behind the interactive map was to have information readily available in a user friendly format for anyone to access.”

When you click on the link you are directed to the CTP accomplishments page. It details spending on preservation, modernization and expansion, funding for public transit, bike and pedestrian, aviation, rail and local roads during the course of the CTP. It also provides miles improved, bridges improved and number of projects.

There is a map on the page that outlines every county. You can find all the information detailed above by clicking on a county. Other options include obtaining the information by districts or just clicking on any number of counties you desire.

A chart at the bottom of the CTP accomplishments page provides demographic information for the state and similar information is provided when you go to each county.

The interactive map was the brainchild of Schneweis, who finds it a valuable tool when assisting legislators. He said the map helps with transparency by promoting accountability and providing information on how tax dollars are being spent. - S.W.

KDOT would like to recognize its employees who have returned home from military service. Employees are listed by district and their branch of service.

William Alexander, Equipment Operator Trainee, District One, Army

The Bureau of Personnel Services supplies military information to Translines.
Prestige Bus Charters of Wichita and KDOT in cooperation with the Colorado Department of Transportation have signed an agreement to provide intercity bus service between Wichita and Pueblo, Colo.

In addition, a contract is expected to be signed soon between KDOT and Prestige to provide intercity bus service between Salina and Wichita.

“We are looking forward to partnering with KDOT and CDOT to provide affordable transportation options between Wichita, Pueblo and Salina,” said Dave Rockey, Chief Executive Officer of Prestige Charters.

Lisa Koch, Public Transit Manager, said service on both routes is expected to be operational by late summer.

“These two additional routes will connect with the national intercity bus route network and will provide meaningful connections to various areas across the state, especially to under-served areas in southwest Kansas,” said Koch. “It’s also a great way to partner with the state of Colorado to serve the public.”

Federal funding will be used to purchase two new busses for each route and to assist with operating expenses such as fuel, personnel and maintenance.

A portion of the funds will come from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Under ARRA, 15 percent of the rural transit allocation in each state must be used for intercity transit. That figure in Kansas is about $2 million.

The following cities that would gain intercity bus service with these two new routes include:

**Wichita-Pueblo, Colo.**
- Kansas - Wichita, Hutchinson, Dodge City, Garden City; Colorado - Holly, Lamar, Las Animas, La Junta, Fowler, Pueblo

**Salina-Wichita**
- Salina, Lindsborg, McPherson, Newton, Wichita

One round trip daily will be provided between Wichita and Pueblo and two round trips daily will be provided between Salina and Wichita. Location stops at each city have not yet been determined. – S.W.

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**Upcoming KDOT Training Courses**

### Classes at Headquarters

- Transition to Leadership/Ethics, June 8-10
- You’ll Catch On, June 15-16
- BEST - Week 2, June 21-24
- Business Writing I, June 29
- Business Writing II, June 29
- You’ll Catch On, June 29-30
- New Employee Orientation, July 8
- SMART - Day 1, 2, 3, July 27-29
- Whale Done, Aug. 5
- Transition to Leadership/Ethics, Aug. 23-25
- You’ll Catch On, Aug. 26-27
- New Employee Orientation, Sept. 2

### Classes at District Offices

- Whale Done, Chanute, July 14
- Whale Done, Chanute, July 15

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**STATE STONES**

KDOT salutes employees celebrating state anniversaries in June

**10 YEARS**

- Floyd Adams Jr. . . . . . . . . . . . Lansing
- Mary Hoover. . . . . . . . . . . . Hoyt
- Charles Kingsley . . . . . . . . Salina
- David Marshall . . . . . . . . . . Topeka
- Luke Middleton. . . . . . . . . . Independence
- Robert Taggs . . . . . . . . . . . Lansing

**30 YEARS**

- Darleen Bernhardt . . . . . Tecumseh
- Terry Fleck . . . . . . . . . . . . Topeka
- Ronald Hall . . . . . . . . . . . . Garden City
- Ronald Hopkins . . . . . . . Scott City
- Robert Jack . . . . . . . . . . . . Stark
- George Kell . . . . . . . . . . . . Topeka
- Bradford Rognlie . . . . . Topeka
- Harold Schleicher . . . . Stockton

**20 YEARS**

- Earl Bosak . . . . . . . . . . . . . Topeka
- Michael Hochard . . . . . . . . Topeka
- Cheryl Kell . . . . . . . . . . . . Topeka
- Scott Koopmann . . . . . . . . Wichita
- Dale Luedke . . . . . . . . . . . . Dodge City
- Kelly Marshall . . . . . . . . . . Topeka
- Charles McCann . . . . . . . . Harper
- Harold Sauvage . . . . . . . . . Topeka
- Larry Schroeder . . . . . . . . Topeka

**40 YEARS**

- Nancy Kratzberg . . . . . Topeka
- Daniel McGinty . . . . . . . . St George

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**KDOT salutes employees celebrating state anniversaries in July**

**10 YEARS**
- Alice Burney ............... Tecumseh
- Brandon Espinosa ............ Olathe
- David Freeland .............. Mayetta
- Stephanie Knudson .......... Horton
- Kellie McCain ............... Vassar
- Brad McGregor .............. Welda
- Craig Schott ................. Garden City
- Denis Schwab ............... Norton
- Willian Snyder .............. Cedar Vale
- Trevor Thornton ............. Osborne

**20 YEARS**
- Clay Adams ................. Overbrook
- William Bell ............... Moscow
- John Hochard ............... Holton
- John Iman ................. Agra
- Mark Remboldt ............. Topeka
- Stanley Robb ................. Agra
- Rebecca Rochelle ........ Topeka

**30 YEARS**
- Carl Burgardt .......... Kansas City
- Bradley Howard ............... Grainfield
- Ellen Laird ................. Topeka
- Randy Schimmel .......... Lawrence
- James Wetterberg .......... Tonganoxie

**40 YEARS**
- Dee Estes ................. Topeka

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