

Translines EXPRESS

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ACPA Awards

National awards: KDOT won three national awards at the American Concrete Pavement conference on Nov. 30 in San Diego, Calif. The South Lawrence Trafficway (SLT) was a gold winner in the Divided Highways (Rural) category and the U.S. 56 (Ensign and Montezuma) reconstruction was a gold winner in the State Roads category.

The six-mile, \$183 million SLT project in Douglas County, opened to traffic in November 2016.

It completed the loop around Lawrence connecting K-10 and the KTA. The U.S. 56 project in Gray County was a full depth reconstruction including about one mile of roadway in the cities of Ensign and Montezuma. The work also included storm sewer improvements.

The SLT also received a Sustainable Practices Recognition award. Efforts to protect plants and animals in the Baker Wetlands were highlighted. On the award it said, "Your lasting work provides a well-designed, long-lasting highway, while also meeting the delicate need for ecological balance in the wetlands."



Above, the South Lawrence Trafficway and below, U.S. 56 in Montezuma.



KTA

KTA's first open tolling terminal:

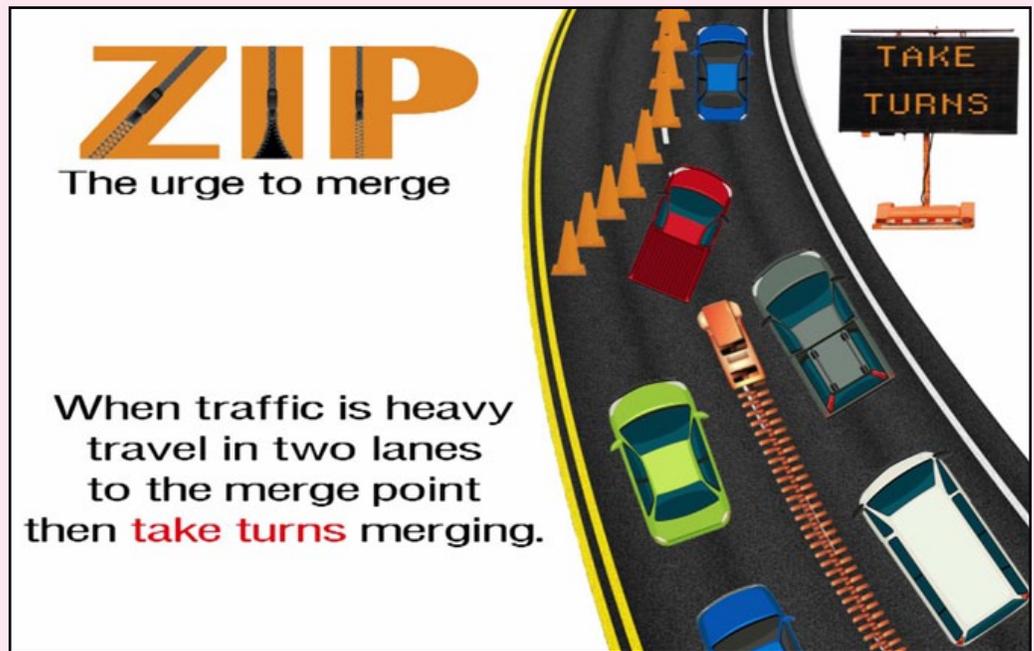
Open road tolling began Tuesday at the Eastern Terminal near Kansas City along the Kansas Turnpike. Electronic customers will stay on the roadway at highway speeds while cash customers exit right to get their ticket or pay the toll. Learn about how it works and how you can avoid a violation [here](#).

Support Services

Video milestone: KDOT's Zipper Merge video has hit a milestone – the video has had more than 250,000 views since it premiered in June 2016.

The video was created to help explain how drivers move safely through a work zone that is using the zipper merge. The zipper merge system was used for the first time in Kansas on the repair project on the U.S. 69 bridge over 119th Street in Overland Park. This project took place for four months in mid-2016 and affected more than 58,000 vehicles a day.

The video outlined the philosophy of 'merge late and take turns' so that motorists could maximize the available storage of both traffic lanes and helped re-assure drivers that once they reached the start of the lane closure they would be given an opportunity to merge in an orderly fashion. It has helped educate motorists not only in the Kansas City metro area, but across the country and the world as it was featured in numerous media outlets. Some of those in the U.S. include the Los Angeles Magazine,



New York Times, USA Today, AP, Fox News and the CBS Morning News. Internationally, the video was picked up by the London Mirror.

The zipper merge production is the most-viewed video that KDOT's Media Production staff has produced. Numerous other videos have been created in the last eight years on transportation topics. To see the zipper merge video, click [here](#). To see all the videos posted on the agency's YouTube site, click [here](#).

District Four



Road Design Leader Aaron Frits, center, fields questions from citizens regarding KDOT's plans to build a roundabout at the U.S. 59/U.S. 160 west junction. Around 40 public officials and area residents attended a Nov. 7 public information open house in Altamont to give input about replacing the existing T-intersection with a roundabout. KDOT is moving forward with the project, which is scheduled for letting in July 2019.

Trivia!

Kansas towns

1. Which Kansas town is also known as the "Christmas City of the High Plains?"
2. Which town has had more than 10,000 tulips blooming every spring since 1988?
3. Which Kansas town owes much of its prosperity to the Union Pacific Railroad with more than 60 trains on average passing through the town daily?
4. Which Kansas town is known for celebrating Neewollah since 1919 to provide positive activities for kids in place of typical Halloween pranks?
5. Which Kansas town has the Sunflower Balloon Fest every spring?
6. Which Kansas town features the Trail of Lights holiday display?

District One

Westbound portion of Lewis and Clark Viaduct to be replaced:

A project to replace one of the bridges in the Lewis and Clark Viaduct was one of the projects included in the November KDOT construction letting. This project is to replace the I-70 westbound bridge that spans the Kansas River and is nearing the end of its service life. Removal of the old bridge will begin in February.

The new bridge will be 2,980 feet long, have 20 new spans and 18 new piers. One of the new piers will be in the Kansas River. The new bridge will also contain more than 21,000 cubic yards of concrete and 3,100,000 pounds of reinforcing steel (excluding the drilled shafts and prestressed concrete beams). The bridge will contain more than 55,000 feet of steel pile and 2,100 feet of drilled shafts (72 inches in diameter).



The photo above shows an overall view of the Lewis and Clark Viaduct looking west in to Kansas. This project will replace the westbound only side of the viaduct.

American Bridge Company of Coraopolis, Pa., is the prime contractor on the approximately \$65 million project. It is scheduled to be complete in December 2019. Debbie Tanking's road squad and Mark Hurt's bridge squad designed the project.

KTA

KTA projects wrap up: A two-year project to widen and re-deck Arkansas River Bridges in South Wichita is complete. Additionally, the first year of another two-year bridge project was also completed when the eastbound I-470/KTA bridge over Topeka Boulevard opened in late November. Construction for the westbound bridge will resume in spring 2018. Learn more about the projects [here](#).

District Four

The South Kansas & Oklahoma (SKOL) Railroad crossing, located three miles south of the U.S. 169/U.S. 160 junction, is open to unrestricted traffic following completion of road work to extend a culvert and add 10-foot shoulders for vehicles that are required to stop. Klaver Construction Company of Kingman was the prime contractor on the \$618,000 project. Stephen Bass' road squad and Chris Meyer's bridge squad designed the project.



Headquarters

From left to right, State Transportation Engineer Catherine Patrick, Planning and Development Director Chris Herrick and Secretary Richard Carlson served as judges for the annual chili and brownie contests on Nov. 16 in ESOB.



At right, after the judging, many people came for lunch, which consisted of the 13 crock pots of chili and the 11 pans of brownies. All the food was brought in as part of a fund raiser for the United Way, and it sold out before the end of the event.



Kansas Transportation

Monday, Dec. 4

Don't be a Grinch by being a "pedtextrian"

The hustle and bustle of the holidays are upon us and visiting shopping centers, attending parties, discussing holiday gifts with loved ones and even online shopping are a huge part of the season. During this festive time of year, we need to remember to stay alert while traveling. Whether you text or drive, or text and walk at the same time, both activities are dangerous. The National Safety Council said that distracted walking incidents are on the rise and everyone with a cell phone is at risk of serious injury if they don't pay attention while walking.

In 2016, 5,987 pedestrians were killed in the United States. A contributing factor for this rise in fatalities is not paying attention to our surroundings. This is putting our safety, and the safety of others, at risk.

The solution is simple: Stop using phones while walking, even if you aren't at a crosswalk or intersection. Distracted walking incidents can happen virtually anywhere, even in our own homes or familiar places.

Here are tips from the NSC and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

- Don't use your phone or smart device while walking. If you aren't paying attention, you may as well be walking blindfolded.
- Pay attention to vehicles: look left, then right, and then left again. Vehicles can travel large distances in a short timeframe.
- Be bright. Wear light colored clothing.
- Don't wear headphones while walking. Like texting and walking, when we wear headphones we are sacrificing a crucial sense: our hearing. The ability to hear an approaching vehicle can be



an important warning sign that traffic is coming toward you.

- Never rely on a driver to stop, make sure they can see you. A great way to do this is to make eye contact with them. If you aren't sure they have spotted you, don't cross until it is safe.
- If your vision is blocked by another car or object, move to a safer location before crossing.
- Use crosswalks.
- Walk in groups.
- Never allow children younger than 10 to cross the street alone.

The holidays can be a wonderful time of year for many, and although our minds may be filled with presents, holiday treats, family and candy canes; if we use these tips the holidays could be jollier for everyone.

To see more stories on transportation topics, check out the regular posts on the Kansas Transportation blog at <http://kansastransportation.blogspot.com/>

TRIVIA ANSWERS



1. WaKeeney (as seen above). 2. Wamego. 3. Marysville. 4. Independence. 5. Anthony 6. Great Bend

District Four

KHP Master Trooper Ryan Mosher and his brother, Sergeant Darren Mosher of the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, unveil a sign on Nov. 1 dedicating a section of U.S. 75 to their great uncle, Eldon K. Miller who also served as a KHP Officer. The Eldon K. Miller Memorial Highway starts at the north city limits of Yates Center and continues north to the Woodson-Coffey county line. He was the first member of the KHP to be killed by gunfire.



KDOT Employee Council Holiday Ornament Order Form

2017

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Districts/Retirees: Mail form to -
Ruby Hilton, ESOB - 13th Floor,
700 SW Harrison, Topeka, KS 66603

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2016		\$3.00	
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2010	---	\$3.00	---



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