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Area crews assist with tornado cleanup

By Kate Craft
District One

A powerful storm system moved down the western counties of District One on June 11. The National Weather Service has confirmed five tornadoes developed from the supercell, along with straight-line winds and golf ball-sized hail. The evening's first tornado crossed into Marshall County from Nebraska. The next touched down near Marysville just before 6 p.m. and left behind a 4.5-mile path.

KDOT crews and equipment arrived the following Tuesday, ready to assist in the community's cleanup efforts. Despite daily temperatures ranging from 91 to 99 degrees, maintenance crews from throughout Area Five worked 10-hour days loading and hauling around 260 truckloads of debris from around town. Rough estimates show KDOT supplied over 800 hours of labor and drove more than 5,500 miles in the seven days crews were on site.

Crews from Marysville, Blaine, Eskridge, Wamego and Manhattan helped with the city's cleanup. The Marysville Subarea building received minor roof damage from the storm.

The system remained strong enough to trigger severe storm warnings and tornado sirens all the way down to Lyon and Chase counties before eventually dissipating. Other tornadoes were confirmed near Blue Rapids, Olsburg and in Manhattan, where early damage estimates exceeded \$9 million.



Photos above and below show KDOT crews helping with cleanup efforts in Marysville after a tornado on June 11. Photos by Don Gibbs, District One





Crews work on prepping the area around a box structure that will be reconstructed as part of the project. The structure is approximately 70 feet underneath the roadway. Photo by Dean Jay, District Three

U.S. 281 reconstruction continues

By Lisa Mussman
District Three

KDOT has started work on the second and final phase of reconstruction of U.S. 281 in Russell County between Russell and the west K-18 junction.

The entire corridor was selected for modernization under the T-WORKS program, but the project was put on hold in 2016 because of budget constraints. In 2019, the 4-mile portion between Russell and Land Road was reinstated as part of Governor Kelly’s 2020 transportation budget. That portion was completed in late 2021.

Phase 2 will see the reconstruction of the remaining 11 miles from Land Road to the K-18 junction into a 30-foot paved surface with 3-foot turf shoulders. Work began in May and will primarily be taking place off the roadway in 2022 and 2023. KDOT expects to close the road for the 2024 construction season. Greg Gonzales’ road squad and Peter Tobaben’s bridge squad designed the project.

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Removal of Polk-Quincy Viaduct barrier wall begins

By Kate Craft
District One

Contractors began removing the barrier wall along the Polk-Quincy Viaduct on I-70 in Topeka in late June. Approximately 60 feet of the concrete railing had fallen from the north side of westbound I-70 onto an empty parking lot below. There were no injuries.

The viaduct is currently part of a multi-bridge repair project that will allow continued usage of the roadway

until construction of its replacement is complete. Traffic on westbound I-70 was already reduced to the inside lane when its exterior wall fell.

Contractors are removing the outside railings on the north and south sides of the viaduct as a precaution and will install approximately 2,200 feet of concrete barriers.

Reconstruction of I-70 through downtown Topeka is scheduled to begin in 2025. Known as the Polk-Quincy Project, the work will include replacement of the nearly 60-year-old viaduct.



The photos above show different angles of the area along the Polk-Quincy Viaduct in Topeka where the concrete railing is being removed and replaced as a precaution after a section of concrete railing nearby had fallen in June. Photos by Kate Craft, District One, and KDOT Multimedia Services



Above is a current view of the flyover ramp with bridge deck removed. Below is a sign showing the location of the project. Photos by Delaney Tholen, District One

I-70/I-635 bridge deck being removed, replaced



By Delaney Tholen
District One

Following a similar 2018 project on the companion flyover ramp (eastbound I-70 to northbound I-635), the bridge deck of the westbound I-70 to southbound I-635 flyover ramp in the Kansas City metro area is being replaced. The project first required demolition of the bridge deck, which took place in early June, to prepare for construction.

Demolition of the bridge deck required a full closure of sections of eastbound and westbound I-70, northbound I-635 and multiple nearby ramps. Interruption to local and through traffic was minimized by scheduling demolition over a weekend and avoiding rush

hour traffic, as well as working with local media and area stakeholders to share closure and detour plans.

The replacement project is now taking place just north of the Kansas River and a major rail line. In addition to an ongoing pavement project and overhead sign work, a ramp is closed to traffic at I-70/I-635, which is affecting multiple large distribution centers south of the river.

Joel Smith, KDOT Construction Engineer in Bonner Springs, said, "It's a long span - 1,486 feet. Right now, crews are surveying points for the profile of the new bridge deck for the flyover ramp."

Clarkson Construction, of Kansas City, Mo., is the contractor for the \$6 million project, which is scheduled to be completed in late December.

Employee spotlight: Mitch Hoag, Chanute District office

What's your job title?

Engineering Technician Specialist. I am the Office Coordinator in the KDOT District Four Office at Chanute.

What sort of duties do you have at work?

Working utility permits, access permits, large structure permits, airport inspections and lots of record keeping.

What kind of music do you like?

80's and 90's country, and 80's Hair bands.

What's the most exciting part of your job?

The most exciting part of my job is that it is in a temperature-controlled environment.

What's something you're proud of?

I'm proud of my daughter. She is smart, thoughtful, has a great personality and sense of humor.

What's your favorite food?

I enjoy all foods, but Chinese food is my favorite.

What's your favorite movie?

"Happy Gilmore."

Do you have any hidden talents or hobbies?

I enjoy fishing.

Do you have any pets?

Yes, Bruno the 2-year-old cattle dog poodle mix, and Charlie the 15-year-old cattle dog mix.

Are you a sports fan? Who are your favorite teams?

I'm not really a sports fan. I will go to high school games when it's expected of me.

Are you a morning person or a night owl?

I am a night owl.



Mitch Hoag at his office in Chanute.

Are you a coffee, tea or pop person?

I'm a tea person.

GETTING TO KNOW

OUR KDOT CO-WORKERS

Featuring an employee each month from different offices throughout KDOT.

What's something you find challenging about your work?

The most challenging thing I have found to deal with at work is an angry member of the public that calls when they have been inconvenienced.

What's your favorite season?

Spring.

What three items would you take with you to a deserted island?

I would take my fishing pole, my wife and a boat.

Driving the speed limit saves lives, money

By Tim Potter
District Five

“Speed kills” is a longtime traffic safety message.

Now, when it comes to personal spending and the rising cost of gasoline, you could say “Speed costs.”

And does it really save that much time going faster?

Let’s say you commute 50 miles a day in one of the most popular used vehicles in America, like a 2018 F-150 pickup, which gets around 26 mpg on the highway. On a four-lane, 70-mph highway like the stretch between Wichita and Hutchinson, you are less safe and breaking the law if you go 10 mph over the speed limit.

What happens if you calculate not just the risks but the

MPG For Speed Calculator

Your car's highway MPG: Don't know? Look it up [here](#)
 Miles driven per day: Highway only
 Price of gas: \$

Speed	Daily Travel Time	Effective MPG	Cost/day	Cost/year
55 MPH	55 min.	26.0	\$8.98	\$3,277.70
60 MPH	50 min.	25.2	\$9.27	\$3,383.55
65 MPH	46 min.	23.9	\$9.77	\$3,566.05
70 MPH	43 min.	21.6	\$10.81	\$3,945.65
75 MPH	40 min.	20.0	\$11.68	\$4,263.20
80 MPH	38 min.	18.7	\$12.49	\$4,558.85

costs, especially with a gallon of regular gasoline averaging \$4.67 in Kansas as of June 14?

According to mpgforspeed.com, that 50-mile commute in the F-150 costs, at that per-gallon price, \$3,946 per year when driving at the speed limit, 70 mph. That compares with \$4,559 going 80 mph.

So you save \$613 per year following the speed limit, according to mpgforspeed.com.

Something else to consider: Based on mpgforspeed.com’s calculation, going 80 mph compared with 70 mph on that daily commute saves only 5 minutes -- 38 minutes compared with 43.

Is it worth it?

Sharing with the public

A large group attended the public involvement meeting on June 7 in Pierceville to discuss the possibility of an RCUT (Restricted Crossing U-Turn) as part of the four-lane expansion project on U.S. 50/400. An RCUT intersection is designed to reduce intersection conflict points and crash severity. District Engineer Ron Hall also spoke at the meeting. Photos by Yazmin Moreno, District Six



Cost Share improvements underway at Independence

By Priscilla Petersen
District Four

Earlier this year, work started to improve a section of West Maple Street in Independence. The project includes widening the roadway, adding curb and gutter, storm sewer and resurfacing. KDOT announced funding for the improvements in July 2020 under the Cost Share Program, which is part of the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Plan (IKE). West Maple is a well-traveled street, connecting residents from south Independence with stores and a health care facility. Several local industries are also located along the street.

The Cost Share project area includes West Maple from 17th Street west to Peter Pan Road. The city is matching the Cost Share award of \$1.6 million with funding of approximately \$1 million. Weather permitting, the city expects the work to be finished in late 2022.



Grading is underway on West Maple Street at Independence. The roadway will be widened to 24 feet, and ditches will be moved away from edges of the street. Photo by Priscilla Petersen, District Four



Event allows kids to learn, have fun

On June 13, KDOT District Two employees participated in the City of Beloit's Touch-a-Truck event. Children were able to touch and learn about several trucks from across the community such as ambulances, fire trucks, electrical trucks, city trucks, dump trucks and more.

Workers enjoy attending these events and look forward to teaching children about what KDOT does. "I'm glad that KDOT allows workers to participate in these events so others can learn and become interested in the work we do," said Roger Simoneau, Highway Supervisor in Beloit. Photos by Beloit Call newspaper



Looking for ways to improve service at KDOT

By Valerie Jimenez
Research Analyst in
Performance Management

KDOT's Division of Performance Management has worked for the past year to refine the reporting of existing operations and performance measures for the agency, as well as highlight achievements and analyze areas for continuous improvements. Those efforts were outlined for attendees at the first Performance Management Workshop on June 9 in Lawrence.

Secretary Julie Lorenz encouraged KDOT employees to work together and incorporate performance-based planning and decisions as part of work processes. "Just because we are doing well now does not mean we cannot do better," she said. "That is what we are here for - to keep getting a little bit better."



Secretary Julie Lorenz speaks at the first KDOT Performance Management Workshop on June 9 in Lawrence. Photos by KDOT Multimedia Services



Performance Management Director Tope Longe (right), and Felix Davidson, external speaker, answer questions from attendees.

Several speakers explained how performance management has been successful for them, and breakout sessions outlined how performance management could be more effective for the agency. Many attendees addressed challenges, successes and perspectives on how the agency can approach metrics to incorporate and utilize data-informed decisions.

Performance Management Director Tope Longe described how divisions are collaborating to identify strategic measures.

"The next steps are looking at productivity measures – looking at the outputs that would feed the desired outcome, determining what strategic decisions need to be made to make those a reality and mapping out the best way to approach these steps," Longe said.

For more information on KDOT's Performance Management efforts, email KDOT.PerformanceManagement@ks.gov.

Learning from those really poor decisions

By Troy Whitworth
Director of Safety

Those of you who have read some of my articles probably know how lucky I was to have survived my childhood. Lots of really poor decisions during that time, and by some miracle, I lived to tell the tale. I have a few of those experiences that I think back on, and it makes me cringe a bit. Mistakes that caused me to ask myself, why did I do something so stupid?

All of us make mistakes. Hopefully, we don't make the same mistake twice. The mistakes can sometimes be a painful reminder to not do that again. When you learn from those mistakes, the next time a similar situation happens, you may think of the consequences of the last time something like this happened. If you are paying attention to those signs, you may choose to try a different approach.

We have been learning new things since the time we were born. Each one of these new experiences gets etched in our memories. Our memories can click into action and warn us of all types of dangers we may encounter. We just have to pick up on the cues and act on those warnings. Don't just shrug off a "close call."

That "close call" is telling you to wake up and not do that again. Because, if you do tempt fate again, it may end badly.

But we don't just learn things through our mistakes. We can learn things by watching others and then practicing or imitating those processes or procedures. This type of situation is what could be considered a controlled environment, especially if there is a mentor available to walk you through the process.

If you are unsure of a process or procedure, ask for clarification. A mentor can, many times, show a

technique that can make a task safer and easier to complete. Take advantage of the opportunity to watch, listen and learn from someone with skills and knowledge – there is no reason to learn things the hard way if you don't have to.

Lastly, I believe you can remember and be more successful when you take a hands-on

approach to learning. But don't just go through the motions - be engaged. Take in as much knowledge as you can when you have a mentor available. This is your chance to take advantage of their experience so when you are going it alone, you are better prepared. For your family and mine.



Trivia!

Highlighting a few of the hundreds of actors who served in the military – part one

1. He starred in “It’s a Wonderful Life” and “Mr. Smith Goes to Washington” before enlisting in the Army Air Corps in 1941.
2. He served in the U.S. Navy before starring in “Cool Hand Luke” and “The Hustler.”

3. He was known as the ‘King of Hollywood,’ and at age 41, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps as a private and worked his way up the ranks.
4. He turned down a drama scholarship at Jackson State University to pursue flying in the U.S. Air Force.
5. Before his roles in “The Hangover” and “The Daily Show,” he was a Marine.

Work progresses during I-135 closure



A weekend closure in early June of southbound I-135 at Wichita’s North Junction allowed contractors to make full-depth concrete patches on the roadway and crane steel girders over the interstate traffic lanes. The girders are part of a two-lane flyover ramp for northbound I-135 to southbound I-235. Photos by Tom Hein, District Five

Trivia answers

1. James Stewart. He was a flight instructor, then transferred to the 453rd Bombardment Group and flew 20 missions. After World War II, he continued to serve, even deploying to Vietnam. He retired at the rank of brigadier general.
2. Paul Newman. He enrolled in pilot training but found out he was colorblind. He then served for three years as a radioman and rear gunner.
3. Clark Gable. He trained as an aerial gunner and photographer. His footage helped Americans to support

- the troops, and it was a firsthand record of the realities of aerial combat during the war. He served two years in active duty and three years in the Reserves.
4. Morgan Freeman. He joined in 1955 with hopes to be a fighter pilot, but instead served as a radar technician. After four years, he decided to pursue acting.
5. Rob Riggle. He joined the Marine Corps in 1990, serving as active duty for nine years and for 14 years in the Reserve. One of his most rewarding moments was working at Ground Zero following the 9/11 attacks.

Trinity F90+ drone to be used for construction projects

By Ashley Perez
District Two

KDOT purchased and introduced a new drone, the Trinity F90+, to construction workers in District Two around the Salina area on June 16-17. Licensed drone operators in District Two learned to operate the drone, and workers in construction were able to learn about the new drone through training provided by Mark Schnesk of Seiler Design Solutions LLC.

Director of Project Delivery Greg Schieber and Director of Field Operations Clay Adams assisted in the purchase of this new drone with interest in future drone use at KDOT. Schieber said it's important for KDOT to take advantage of emerging technologies and evaluate how drones can help KDOT construction and materials field staff deliver high quality construction projects.

The Trinity F90+ will be used for earthwork as well as gathering stockpile quantities at first, with more future uses as knowledge of the drone's capabilities grow.

"I'm excited for the opportunities this new drone will provide to our construction and materials field employees at KDOT," said Shad Lohman, District Two Construction Engineer.



Above, District Two operators test the new Trinity F90+ drone in the field, and below, also receive training to learn how it can help with construction projects. Photos by Ashley Perez, District Two



Kudos

Email sent to KDOT Headquarters -

I just wanted to thank you for the wonderful roadside stops in your state. I have used several different ones and have found them all to be clean, well maintained and superior experiences especially the one at mile marker 68 on I-135. I believe this is the nicest road side facility I've had the pleasure of using anywhere in the states. Thank you!



Several KDOT employees and a contractor participated in the Topeka MAGIC camp Women in Transportation roundtable discussion. From left: Lizeth Ortega, Division of Policy; Gelene Savage, KDOT’s Chief Counsel; Dominique Shannon, Structures and Geotechnical Services; Kristen Rising, owner of Rising Construction; Dede Brokesh, Program and Project Management; and Valerie Jimenez, Performance Management. Photo by Kate Craft, District One

MAGIC Camp introduces girls to transportation careers

By Tracy Statton
District Five

Girls, particularly minority and disadvantaged, ages 14 to 18 spent four days learning about careers in transportation and construction during the Mentoring A Girl in Construction or MAGIC camp. KDOT hosts the four-day camp in Topeka and Wichita.

“Transportation has traditionally been white-male-dominated. We want to expose the young ladies to non-traditional jobs in transportation and allow them to see and hear from women who look like them, who have careers in transportation,” said organizer Samantha Darling, with KDOT’s Office of Civil Rights Compliance.

Participants were given hard hats and toolboxes to begin their journey. Campers in Wichita were busy with various activities including visits to the National Center for Aviation Training, WSU Tech-City Center and Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport. Some highlights included a meet and greet at Wichita City Hall, followed by a City Council meeting where a special proclamation was declared in their honor. They also helped with a Habitat for Humanity home build.

While the camp is fun, the purpose is to get young women to think about their futures and to recruit women and people of color.

“We’re creating a pipeline. These girls will be entering the working force over the next few years, and we want them to think about KDOT and transportation as they decide what they want to do with their lives after school. These girls are bright and have so much potential. KDOT would be lucky to have them,” Darling said.

“Transportation has historically been male-dominated and specifically white-male-dominated. We want to continue to further diversify the industry and show the girls there is a place for them here,” Darling said.

Darling enjoys watching the girls gain confidence during the camp. “This year, we had a girl who was interested in architecture. After the panel, she ended up speaking with one of the women from the panel one-on-one and asking her more questions. That’s something she would have never done on the first day of camp, but by the end, she had the confidence and drive to do so. It makes me so proud,” Darling said.

Organizers hope to expand MAGIC camp next year by offering a camp in Kansas City.



U.S. 54 expansion continues

The westbound aerial view at left shows the new westbound U.S. 54 bridge that was built as part of the four-lane expansion project taking place in Seward County. One-lane traffic is on the highway while reconstruction work takes place on the eastbound bridge, as seen below. The work now is also requiring the closure of three county roads along the work area. The U.S. 54 expansion work is expected to be finished in November 2023. Photos by Kirkham Michael and Yazmin Moreno, District Six



Kansas student wins national safety competition

By Priscilla Petersen
District Four

Jihyeon “Elly” Han, a student at Altamont Grade School, has been named the overall winner of the 2021-22 National School Bus Safety Poster Contest sponsored by the American School Bus Council (ASBC).

The contest theme was 1 Bus + 1 Driver = a Big Impact on Education. According to an ASBC press release, “Han’s artwork best depicts the theme, showing that while change is inevitable, it is the school bus and the driver that remain a steady and knowing presence in the lives of so many children. Han showcases that all you need is one driver and one bus to make a big impact on the lives of so many children.”



Han’s poster received the most judges’ votes among entries from five divisions. Her artwork will be featured during National School Bus Safety Week, Oct. 17-21. Another young Kansan, Riley Cramer of Southwest Elementary School in Pratt, was named the second place winner in the grades K-2 division.

Road engineer is also long-haul road rider - on two wheels

By Tim Potter
District Five

Wichita Metro Engineer Don Snyder, an avid bicyclist, made a pit stop at the District Five office in Hutchinson on June 14 during his ride on the Biking Across Kansas event.

A little before noon that Tuesday, Snyder cooled off and drank water inside the office and visited with staff, who checked out his impressive bike and asked questions about what it's like to ride for mile after mile on Kansas roadways.

"I have a mirror on my helmet, so I can watch what's going on behind me," he explained. "And we watch out for each other."

According to the Biking Across Kansas website, this year's route stretched from near Syracuse in far western Kansas to near Louisburg in far eastern Kansas – on a route stretching 512 miles. The route went through several cities in District Five, including Kinsley, St. John, Stafford, Hutchinson, Buhler and Hesston.

As he rested at the D-5 office, Snyder noted he was over halfway through the event, from June 11 to June 18. "This is a short day today," he said. "We're only riding 57 miles." He was averaging about 17 mph that day.

The website said: "Biking Across Kansas (BAK) is an annual, eight-day, bicycle tour across the state of Kansas. We promote health and wellness through bicycling, the history and beauty of the Kansas landscape and the warm hospitality of the Kansas towns and people.

"BAK 2022 is a recreational and social rally for cyclists.



Wichita Metro Engineer Don Snyder during his rest at the D-5 office in Hutchinson. Photo by Tim Potter

It is not an endurance contest, a race or a test of stamina. Each rider should set a pace agreeable to his or her own degree of expertise. Capable riders of all ages are welcome."

Riders sleep each night in either the gymnasiums of the schools they stay at or in tents on the school grounds. There were approximately 600 riders in this year's event.

In Memory

Condolences to the family and friends of KDOT employee **Debbie Wallace**, who passed away on June 22 in Hays. Wallace served as the Engineering Recruiter in the Bureau of Human Resources. She started at KDOT in 2004, serving more than 18 years. She is survived by her parents, three children, brother and sister. She was a member of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. Wallace enjoyed perfecting her no-bake cookies and French toast recipes, spending time with her kids and boyfriend, watching movies, attending K-State football games and loving on her dogs.



Debbie Wallace

Condolences to the family and friends of KDOT retiree **Larry Moore**, who passed away on May 27. He was from Scranton. Moore started at KDOT in 1978 and worked in the Survey Section of the Bureau of Design as a Global Positioning Survey I. After more than 33 years, he retired in 2011.

Condolences to the family and friends of KDOT retiree **Lawrence "Keith" Parrett**, who passed away on June 6 in Holton. Parrett started in 1957 and worked for KDOT in Topeka and Holton for nearly 37 years, retiring in 1994. He was an Engineering Technician.

Condolences to the family and friends of KDOT retiree **Betty Charlene Vawter**, who passed away on May 29 in Topeka. She began at KDOT in 1977 and worked for KDOT in Topeka for 13 years, retiring in 1991. She was an Office Assistant.

Condolences to the family and friends of KDOT retiree **Jim Thissen**, who passed away on June 20 in Topeka. Thissen started at KDOT in 1952 and worked at the Materials and Research Center in Research as a Senior Technician. He retired in 1992, after 40 years of service.

Condolences to the family and friends of KDOT retiree **Catherine Downy**, who passed away on June 9 in Topeka. Downy started in 1989 and worked for 22 years as a Senior Administrative Assistant in Right of Way. She retired in 2011.

Condolences to the family and friends of KDOT retiree **Ronald Bickford**, who passed away on June 16 in Burlingame. Bickford started at KDOT in 1968 and worked as an Engineering Technician Senior in Design. He retired in 1999, after more than 30 years of service.

Condolences to the family and friends of KDOT retiree **Dale Johnson**, who passed away on June 24 in Fort Scott. He started at KDOT in 1954 as an Engineering Aide in the field, then was a Systems Software Program/Analyst IV at Headquarters. Johnson retired in 1993 after nearly 40 years of service.

Condolences to the family and friends of KDOT retiree **Andy Hanson**, who passed away on July 3. He was from Herndon. Hanson started at KDOT in 1964 and was an Engineering Technician Specialist in the Survey section of Design. He retired in 2001, after more than 36 years of service.

Thank you for your service

Retirees

The following employee will retire on Aug. 1.

District Three

Dorothy Gross, Administrative Assistant, Hays

The following employees retired on July 1.

Headquarters

Marty Martinez, Printing Service Coordinator, Support Services

District One

David Vantuyl, Equipment Operator Specialist, Emporia

District Four

Wesley Moore, Equipment Operator Senior, Louisburg

The following employee retired on June 1.

District One

Michael Baker, Equipment Operator, Kansas City

If you know a KDOT retiree who is not receiving Translines - ask them to email Kim.stich@ks.gov - thanks

Milestones

KDOT employees celebrating July state service anniversaries.

30 years

David Cronister, Planner III, Lawrence

Christopher Duling, Equipment Operator, Walnut

Douglas Hilmes, Engineering Technician Senior, Topeka

Keith Snyder, Highway Maintenance Supervisor, Shawnee

20 years

Mark Baker, Equipment Operator Senior, Seneca

Christopher Craig, Highway Maintenance Supervisor, Hutchinson

David Lawrence, Equipment Operator, Eureka

Matthew McDonald, Engineering Technician Senior, Chanute

Jimmy Peterson Jr., Engineering Technician Senior, Pittsburg

Matthew Sloyer, Engineering Technician, Lawrence

10 years

Lisa Bussiere, Engineering Technician Midpoint, Sawyer

David Goeringer, Equipment Mechanic, Chanute

Angela Jackman, Senior Administrative Assistant, Topeka

Randall Nalley, Equipment Operator Specialist, Altoona

Gerald O'Flaherty, Engineering Technician Senior, Carbondale

Kathrine Shade, Right of Way Property Appraiser Supervisor, McLouth

KTA

KTA's conversion to cashless tolling in 2024 continues, and drivers will see more work along the roadway to support it. Earlier this summer, new overhead gantries were placed in Wichita that will eventually house tolling equipment. In a new video series, KTA CEO Steve Hewitt goes "On the Road," to learn more about what's going on at KTA. In this episode, he is joined by Bruce Meisch, KTA's Director of Technology, to discuss progress on cashless tolling - click [here](#).

