Out with the old, in with the new: As seen in the photos above and below, a mill and overlay project is under way on U.S. 50 and U.S. 50 Business in Garden City. The project is part of a series of resurfacing projects in and around Garden City that has included a mill and overlay on K-156 and putting an ultra-thin bonded asphalt surface on U.S. 83 and the Garden City Bypass. The group of projects cost about $2.5 million to resurface roadways that carry a combined 37,000 vehicles a day. This follows a $2.3 million project completed earlier this year to widen and improve the intersection of the Garden City Bypass and Schulman Avenue in support of a multi-million dollar retail development project.

Update on spending, operations: A quarterly report that provides an easy-to-read update on KDOT and the T-WORKS transportation program has been initiated by KDOT.

The newest report includes a regional breakdown of construction lettings scheduled for this quarter, a summary of winter storm costs, a graphic presentation of KDOT revenue sources and where the money goes, and a status report on the “$8 million promise.” Under the 10-year T-WORKS program, every Kansas county is promised a minimum of $8 million in transportation spending.

“This publication is modeled after business reports and is a quick way for Kansans to learn how and where their transportation dollars are being spent,” said Transportation Secretary Mike King.

The report can be viewed on the KDOT website [www.ksdot.org](http://www.ksdot.org) under “Projects/Publications.”
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**Numerous resurfacing projects have been completed or are under way in southeast Kansas.** Allen Stinson, left, a summer intern with Pittsburg Construction, inspects an overlay operation on U.S. 59 as the northbound crew enters Chetopa. The overlay followed a 12-mile surface recycle on U.S. 59 from the Oklahoma-Kansas state border north to Oswego. APAC Missouri Inc. was the contractor on the $1.5 million T-WORKS preservation project.

**Powerful anti-texting message:** AT&T’s national anti-texting/driving campaign (“It Can Wait”) has gained an unlikely but powerful advocate — legendary filmmaker Werner Herzog. Earlier this month, Herzog, whose films include “Grizzly Man,” “Bad Lieutenant” and “Nosferatu the Vampyre,” produced a 35-minute short titled, “From One Second to the Next.” The film tells the haunting stories of victims and their families, and perpetrators of four unrelated texting-caused crashes.

“What AT&T proposed immediately clicked and connected inside of me,” said the 70-year-old German film icon. “There’s a completely new culture out there. I’m not a participant of texting and driving -- or texting at all -- but I see there’s something going on in civilization which is coming with great vehemence at us.”

Click on this link [http://goo.gl/P6SMdS](http://goo.gl/P6SMdS) to see the film posted on YouTube.

**District Four Office Manager Mike Bright (yellow shirt) conducts a public land auction of the rest area located on U.S.75 north of Neodesha. The eight-acre site included parking space and picnic shelters in addition to the restroom facilities. The auction took place Tuesday and included several potential bidders. The winning bid of $17,000 was made by a couple who plan to convert the rest area to a residence. The Neodesha rest area cost KDOT more than $22,000 to maintain in 2012.**
It's a wrap: Secretary Mike King wrapped up his district summer tour after visiting District Five last week. Secretary King made a goal of visiting all 110 subareas during his first two years in office, so far in 2013 he has visited 50 subareas, and during 2012 he visited 35. All of which are marked on a map in his office. Secretary King made it a goal to get out and visit with what he calls the front line employees, the 1,800 employees who are in the field.

“It gives me a firsthand look at all of the opportunities and challenges of our employees as well as allowing me to share the vision of KDOT,” Secretary King said. “I was asked great questions as well as difficult and tough questions and I hope I was able to respond to all of them.”

The tours also gave Secretary King the chance to get to know the districts, the district engineers and the terrain of different parts of Kansas better. Traveling the state gives him a chance to see how respected KDOT is for their cooperative efforts on projects by their interaction with local, city, county and state agencies.

“I wanted to show appreciation on what we do in rural areas as well as the congested areas,” King said. “I’m looking forward to getting to the remaining subareas as soon as I can.

“I love traveling in Kansas. I saw great tourism sites, great restaurants and most importantly got to meet great people, our employees, stakeholders, businesses and the industry that we serve.”
Trivia!

**Kansas Byways**
- 1. What kind of rock does the Native Stone Scenic Byway feature?
- 2. How many National Scenic Byways does Kansas have and what are the names?
- 3. Along what byway will you find Kansas' Red Hills?
- 4. What are the two wetland regions that are part of Wetlands & Wildlife National Scenic Byway?
- 5. Which two Kansas Byways are in the Flint Hills?
- 6. Five byways feature famous rock structures or the rock in the ground, name as many as you can.

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1. Limestone that was formed from the sediments of shallow seas more than 240 million years ago.
2. Two, Flint Hills National Scenic Byway and Wetlands & Wildlife National Scenic Byway
3. Gypsum Hills
4. Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area and Quivira National Wildlife Refuge
5. Flint Hills and Native Stone
6. Flint Hills, Native Stone, Post Rock, Prairie Trail (Mushroom Rock state park) and Western Vistas (Monument Rocks).

Last Saturday, the Turner Diagonal to the eastbound I-70 bridge ramp in Kansas City was damaged and closed to traffic when it was struck by a dump truck. The bridge was inspected and was able to be opened to one lane of traffic on Monday. Inspections and repairs will continue until the project is finished in early October.

A construction crew recently installed a Dynamic Message Sign (DMS) on I-35 near Gardner. Two signs, as well as cameras and speed detectors, are an expansion of the KC Scout system on I-35 between Olathe and Edgerton. The new devices will allow KC Scout to assist in incident management and provide better traveler information when traffic volumes increase due to the Kansas City Intermodal Facility coming online.