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# **KDOT to close one of two Osage City offices**

One of two offices the Kansas Department of Transportation maintains in Osage City will be closed later this year.

The decision to close the Osage City area office comes in the wake of retirements of longtime workers in key positions there. Of the 10 remaining employees, 4 will be moved to the subarea office in Osage City, which is located next to the area office, and 6 will be reassigned to other KDOT offices outside of the city. There will be no layoffs.

“While closing an office is a difficult decision, the important work done in that shop can be transferred to other KDOT locations, including the Osage City subarea office. This move allows KDOT to be more efficient with our internal operations and it also addresses key personnel needs in other area offices,” said Kansas Transportation Secretary Mike King.

The Osage City area office oversees maintenance and construction work in all or parts of five counties. Other area offices will absorb those counties. The work performed in KDOT’s subarea shops is primarily maintenance, including snow removal, mowing, pavement repairs, signing and drainage improvements.

The area office facilities will be transferred to other state or local agencies, or they will be sold.

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