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Quality of Kansas roads top 90 percent, far exceeding performance targets

The past year was a very smooth ride for travelers on the Kansas highway system.

Kansas Department of Transportation Interim Secretary Richard Carlson today announced that Kansas roads exceeded performance targets for both interstate and non-interstate miles in fiscal year 2016. Interstate miles earning the rank of “good” hit 96.7 percent, far exceeding the 85 percent performance target; non-interstate miles hit 91.7 percent, also passing the category target of 80 percent.

“Over the years, Kansans have come to expect a great highway system and I’m proud the numbers show that’s what we’ve continued to deliver,” said Secretary Richard Carlson. “The performance scores are well above the targets for both interstate and non-interstate roads, and we intend to continue to provide a system that protects the health and economic well-being of Kansans.”

This marks the fifth consecutive fiscal year Kansas roads have exceeded performance targets under the Brownback administration.

“Kansas has a history of outstanding roads and I’m proud to continue that tradition,” said Governor Sam Brownback. “These high performing roads are made possible by dedicated KDOT employees and I thank them for contributing to the success of Kansas roads.”

The pavement condition rating is based on a combined score of surface roughness and surface distress, such as cracking or rutting. Every single mile of the state's 10,000-mile system is evaluated annually.

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