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KDOT sets online meetings for input on projects to address extreme weather, natural hazards

The Kansas Department of Transportation is receiving federal funds to address transportation infrastructure vulnerabilities caused by extreme weather events and natural hazards that can happen anytime across the state.

To receive input from the public about transportation infrastructure needs in Kansas regions or communities, **KDOT is holding three online meetings on Wednesday, Nov. 1.**

“We want to know where the trouble spots are, such as frequently flooded roadways,” said David Schwartz, KDOT Assistant to the Director of Planning and Development. “We also want to know where critical community assets might be at risk of losing access during disasters. Having additional background and data from the public will assist KDOT staff when making project selections.”

Eligible project costs could include:

- Planning, design, construction, rehabilitation and property acquisition related to improving the resilience of the state transportation system.
- Equipment acquisition to support disaster response and transportation resilience.
- Natural infrastructure, flood protection and ecosystem restoration projects in connection with transportation improvements.

Each of the Nov. 1 online meetings will have a different emphasis. They will be:

- **2 p.m. – Focus on Wichita metro.**
- **5:30 p.m. – Focus on Kansas City metro.**
- **7 p.m. – Kansas statewide focus.**

To connect to one of the meetings and for more information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/mrxcysx6>. Reservations are not required. The meetings will be recorded for later viewing and comment submission at the website address above.

The funds are through the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Formula Program. This program is part of the

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which is providing funds for Federal Highway Administration programs through 2026.

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