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Public invited to Alma Subarea open house

Visitors to the Alma Subarea office's open house will see unique features of the new Kansas Department of Transportation building that make it more cost efficient and user friendly for years to come.

The public is invited to attend the open house from 1 - 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3. The new office stands where the former office was – on K-99 just north of the I-70/K-99 junction in Wabaunsee County.

The building has four heated, drive-in-back-out bays that can fully accommodate dump trucks with plows and spreaders mounted. Wamego Superintendent Jeff Romine said this will be very helpful as employees had to repair and work on trucks mounted with snowplows outside as they wouldn't fit inside the building.

"It's awesome - it's a lot better building," Romine said. "Now they can change plows inside and also work inside," Romine said.

The 136-foot by 50-foot building provides about 1,500 square feet of office space for KDOT and KHP personnel and 5,000 square feet for vehicle storage with 18 feet of usable overhead space. The KHP also has a separate bay area to check vehicles.

Cheney Construction of Manhattan was the contractor on the \$995,000 project that began in May 2018.

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