KDOT Staff Update: Most KDOT staff and our Transportation Planning staff are primarily working from home. Email is the best way to contact us, but we are routinely checking our work voicemail and will respond as quickly as possible.

Updated KanDrive website: KDOT has made improvements to this website that shows the public road conditions and activities throughout the state. Updates are aimed at making the website more streamlined and easier to begin viewing details. You can access the improved website at: https://www.kandrive.org

Kansas Strategic Highway Safety Plan 2020-2024: The new plan has been finalized and can be accessed on the KDOT website at http://www.ksdot.org/bureaus/burTrafficSaf/reports/kshs.asp. Question can be directed to Steven Buckley at Steven.Buckley@ks.gov

Continuing Resolution (CR): The President signed a CR that will extend the current FAST Act reauthorization funding and provisions from FY 2020 to all of FY 2021. Key for transportation is that the FAST Act extension includes an additional $13.6 billion added to the Highway Trust Fund. The AASHTO Journal contains a recent article with further information at https://aashtojournal.org/2020/10/02/cr-secures-federal-funding-extends-fast-act-for-one-year/.
  o KDOT will continue to monitor progress on the next funding program and provide updates to our partners as soon as possible.

October is Pedestrian Safety Month: It’s important for pedestrians, drivers and other road users to always remember that pedestrian safety is a two-way street. That is why the Kansas Department of Transportation is participating in Pedestrian Safety Month in October, a traffic safety campaign created by the U.S. DOT’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The National Kick-Off for Pedestrian Safety Month was September 29th. Check out KDOT’s social media pages during October to learn more about:
  o Speed and traffic calming
  o Distractions and inattention
  o Watching for children/yielding to pedestrians
  o Visual/physical impairments, time of day precautions

The Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE): Approved by the 2020 Kansas Legislature, IKE is the state’s new 10-year funding program for transportation projects.
  o IKE homepage with several links to additional program information: http://www.ksdot.org/IKE/ike.asp
  o For questions contact: ike@ks.gov

OPEN & COMING SOON FUNDING PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES:

  • KDOT Public Transit Funding: 5310/5311 Service Providers, Fall 2020
    o Program Contact: Jon Moore, 785-296-4907, jon.moore@ks.gov
    o Due Friday, November 20, 2020
  • KDOT Public Transit Funding: Access, Innovation, and Collaboration Program, Spring 2021
    o Program Contact: Jon Moore, 785-296-4907, jon.moore@ks.gov
  • KDOT Innovative Technology Program, 2020
    o Program Contact: Matt Stormer, 785-296-0937, matt.stormer@ks.gov
    o Fact Sheet
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KDOT MPO TAC & Policy Board Updates

- Federal Transportation Alternatives Program, Federal Fiscal Years 2022-2023
  - TA Program webpage and FAQs
  - Program Contact: Jenny Kramer, 785-296-5186, jenny.kramer@ks.gov
  - Due Date: November 6, 2020

- Local Program Opportunities Guide, updated 7/30/2020
  - Guidance on various funding opportunities (programs listed below):
    - Surface Transportation Program
    - Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
    - High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR)
    - Railway-Highway Grade Crossing Program
    - Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality (CMAQ)
    - Safety Program Services for LPA’s
    - Technology Transfer
    - Transportation Alternatives
    - Safe Routes to School
    - City Connecting Link Improvement Program (CCLIP)
    - Economic Development
    - Rural Highway/RR Crossing Surfacing
    - Federal Fund Exchange
    - Special City/County Highway Funds
    - City Connecting Link Maintenance Payment
    - Access Management
    - ITS Set-Aside
    - Kansas Airport Improvement Program
    - Emergency Relief Program
    - Off System Bridge
    - Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program (KLBIP)
    - Cost Share
    - State Rail Service Improvement Fund