

EN ROUTE TO FRIDAY

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2020

The road to staying connected

Next round of Cost Share applications now open

There is pent-up demand for transportation projects, and applications for the fall round for KDOT's Cost Share Program are now being accepted.

"The continuation of the Cost Share Program shows KDOT's ongoing commitment to creating economic growth and job opportunities by improving transportation across Kansas," said Lindsey Douglas, Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

A total of \$5.5 million is available for projects this fall. Requests must be within the range of \$35,000 to \$900,000.

COST SHARE PROGRAM



Applications are now open until Oct. 1

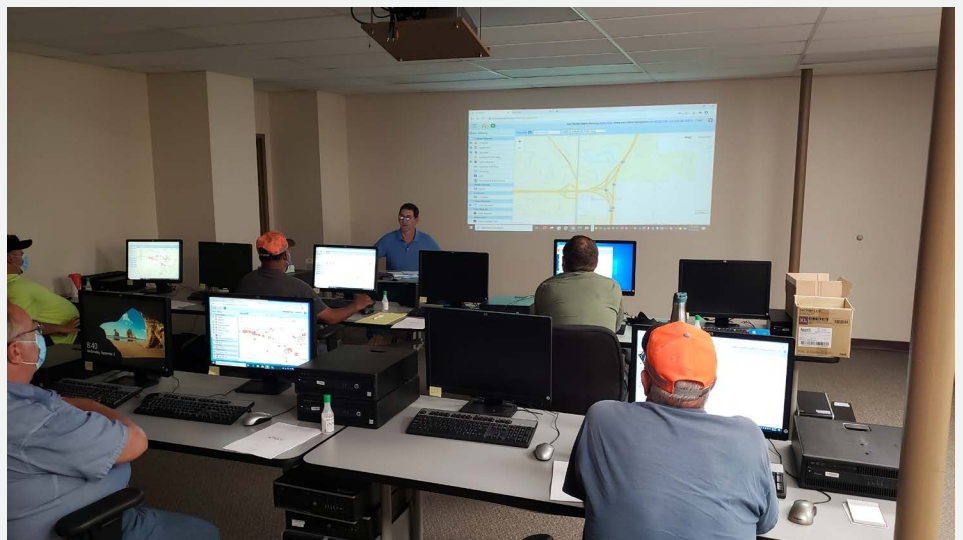
A minimum of 15% non-state cash match is required. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Staff receive training on new KanDrive website

KDOT and KTA employees across the state are receiving training on entering road condition and closure information for the new KanDrive website.

Employees will be able to enter the information on a smartphone, making it more convenient and timely both for them and motorists.

The KanDrive site is set to launch in late September. More details to follow soon on the new mobile-responsive KanDrive site.



Tech Tip reminder: Microsoft Teams to replace Skype



Change is coming to the way KDOT employees communicate and time is running out to adjust.

According to the EBIT team, Microsoft is discontinuing the Skype application and migrating like features to the MS Teams application.

In order to give agencies ample preparation time, the date to turn off Skype for Business has been moved from September to December 28, 2020.

But EBIT is encouraging employees to start getting used to the new program now, rather than waiting until December.

“Agencies need to migrate those individuals using Skype for Business to MS Teams prior to the shut off date,” was stated in a recent EBIT document.

The state still has approximately 3,400 users utilizing Skype — with more than 33,000 sessions a day.

For more information visit our [EBIT TEAMS Migration SharePoint site](#).

There you will find:

- Intro to Microsoft Teams Training Note: You may have attended one of the 15 training sessions EBIT has currently provided to Teams users. To date, more than 3,000 employees have been trained.
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- How-To Documentation
- How-To Videos

If you have any questions, please contact the EBIT Service Desk at (785) 296-4999 or EBITSM@ks.gov.



KDOT KUDOS!

I would like to say Thank You. I am the bank manager for First Security Bank in Carbondale. I called last week asking if the tall grass along the side of our bank, that is right on the exit ramp, to be mowed down. I was concerned that it would be a safety concern for the bank employees as in the past we've

had people cut the wires to the fence to steal a vehicle over night from our parking lot. I want to say Thank You for the speedy response and having someone come out to mow it for me. I appreciate it.

Jennifer Augustine
Bank Manager



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