

EN ROUTE TO FRIDAY

Jan. 22,
2021

The road to staying connected

KDOT partners with Garmin, City of Olathe on Mahaffie Street Extension



Secretary Julie Lorenz and Olathe Mayor John Bacon speak about the benefits of the Mahaffie Street extension at the ribbon cutting event. e

KDOT partnered with the City of Olathe and Garmin International on the Mahaffie Street extension and announced on Wednesday the opening of the extension from its previous terminus north of 151st Street to the intersection of Old U.S. 56 and Church Street.

“At KDOT, we understand how transportation investments benefit our economy,” Secretary Julie Lorenz said. “Now, more than ever, the preservation and expansion of transportation infrastructure has a key

role in our state’s economic recovery by maximizing the value of these dollars to create more jobs and economic opportunities.”

The cost for the project was \$14.8 million, including design, utility relocations, land acquisition, construction, inspection and staff time.

Funding for the project included \$7 million from the KDOT Economic Development Program.

Workplace safety is everyone's responsibility

WEAR YOUR KEY CARD!



Safety in the workplace is everyone's responsibility. There are risks to KDOT employees if individuals with no secure key cards visible are allowed into the Eisenhower Building behind them. Not only can it put themselves and coworkers in danger, but important data and property could be stolen.

For all those that work in the Eisenhower Building, please refer to S.O.M. 1.9.2 for more information:

- All KDOT employees are required to display their secure key cards when entering the building, and shall have their key cards with them at all times while in the ESOB.
- Employees who forget their key cards need to obtain a visitors' badge from the ESOB security desk and return it by the end of the day.
- Employees are to use reasonable care to see that only authorized persons enter the building. Employees should not allow others without secure key cards to enter the building with them.

- All ESOB visitors are required to enter the building at the North (7th Street) entrance, sign in at the security desk, show photo identification, and advise security personnel of the individual they wish to visit. Security will contact and inform the employee of the visitor.
- KDOT district employees, who have been issued KDOT Identification Cards, are allowed into the building without visitors' badges. District employees shall display their KDOT Identification Cards when entering the building cards with them at all times while in the ESOB.

Also, if employees see someone has entered the building who shouldn't be there, report it to the security desk immediately.

For KDOT employees in other buildings across the state, please be aware of those in your office and make sure guests are not walking around unescorted without approval.

A pavement maintenance tour in District Five



This week, District Five crews have been touring highways being considered for pavement maintenance contract projects in 2022.

The 1R Tour involves a visual inspection by District Five Engineer Brent Terstriep and District Construction and Materials Engineer Nick Squires. 1R projects are preventative maintenance jobs with work that is 2 inches or less in depth involving everything from a chip seal to a 2-inch overlay.

The goal is to do “the right action at the right time,” Terstriep says. “What that does is it allows us to maintain the roadway to a high level of service.” Pavement preservation is a key cornerstone of KDOT’s efforts.

District Five staff turned in almost 350 centerline miles of highway for consideration. What gets selected will be finalized with staff in Topeka. The projects would be let this fall, with construction next year.

FACE COVERINGS RANKED



KN95 to N95 face filtering respirator:

This is for healthcare workers. Regardless of room size or ventilation.



Three-ply disposable masks:

This is for people who work within 10 feet of a person, with no barrier walls or six-foot cubical wall. Also good for people who are living with or in close contact to someone with symptomatic COVID or at large indoor events.



Two-to-three-ply cloth mask:

Neoprene core with polyester exterior (Safety First or IKE masks) or a mask that has two outer layers of polyester/nylon

Homemade cloth mask made with at least two layers of varying fabric:

For people who work in the general public within six feet of a person, without barrier or six-foot cubical walls



Bandanas, scarf, neck fleeces to include balaclavas

These do not protect the user - only provides protection to others when you are talking. They do not protect others if you are talking loudly, screaming, coughing or sneezing.



Polyester spandex neck fleeces or gaiters:

It has been determined that using polyester spandex neck fleeces as face coverings actually increase the rate of droplet transmission during speech.

Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Journal of American Medical Association (JAMA), and Duke University.

MOST EFFECTIVE PROTECTION

LEAST EFFECTIVE PROTECTION

Tech Tip: How to join a TEAMS meeting using call back feature

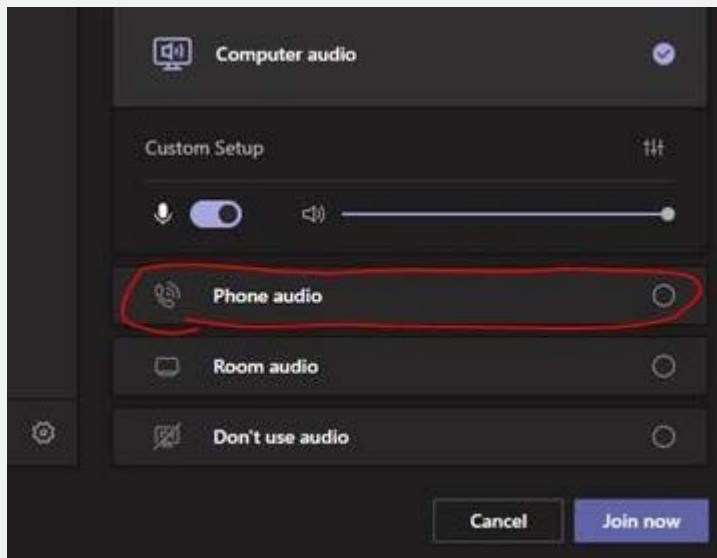
Some users are choosing to use the call back feature within TEAMS. To use this feature, click **Join** to join a meeting, and then click **Phone audio** on the **Choose your audio and video settings** screen.

From here, users can have the meeting call and join or dial in manually to the meeting. **Please use this feature only if necessary.**

The Kansas Information Technology Office has a limited number of minutes each month. **Once we reach the allowed number of minutes, this feature will be unavailable for the remainder of the month.**

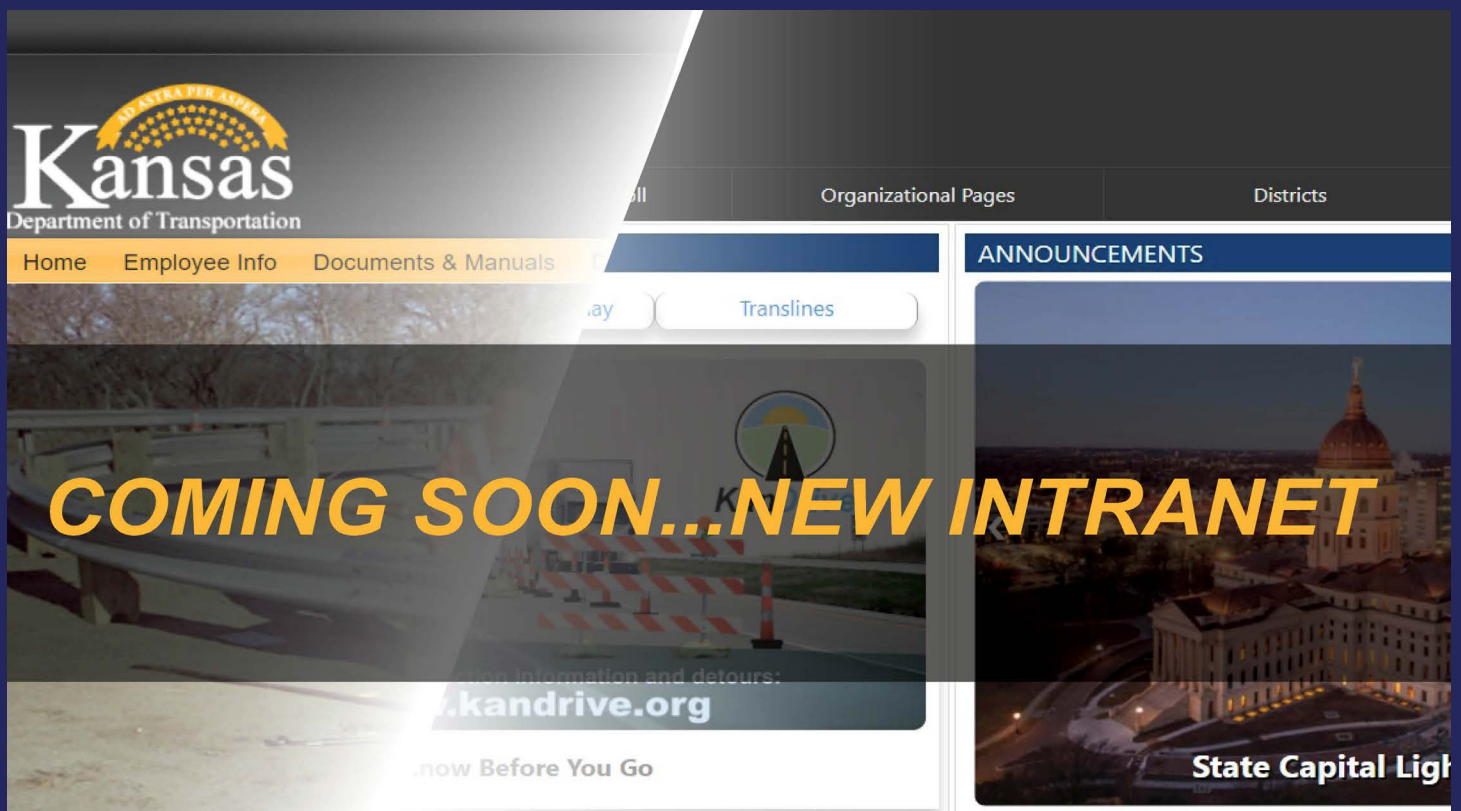
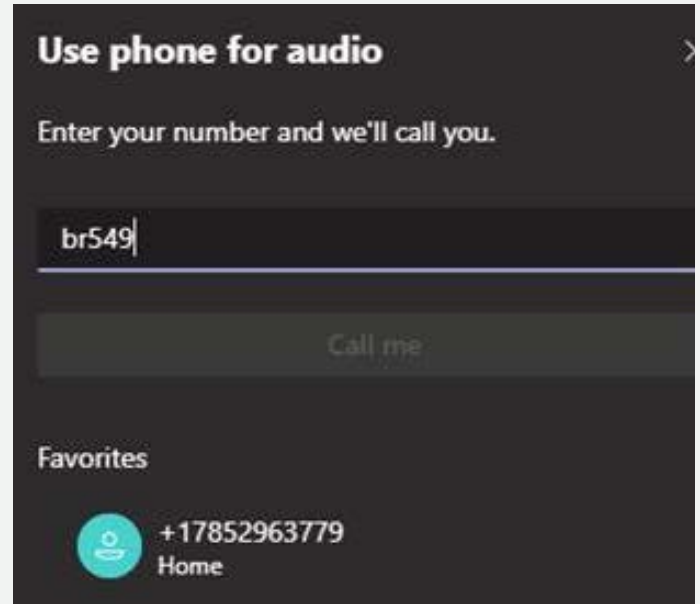
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Step 2:

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