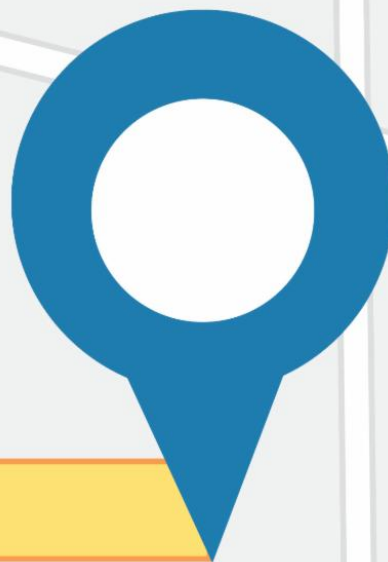


Thursday, July 2, 2020

# EN ROUTE TO FRIDAY



The road to staying connected.



## Save the Date!

### Cost Share Program Awards to be announced next week

Governor Laura Kelly and KDOT Secretary Julie Lorenz will announce new Cost Share projects, which were brought to fruition through state and local partnerships.

We hope you'll join us to celebrate this great day for all of Kansas.

These are the first Cost Share projects announced since the passage of the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE).



## Check out the Announcement

Thursday, July 9

10 a.m.

Zoom webinar broadcast on  
KDOT's Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/KSDOTHQ/](https://www.facebook.com/KSDOTHQ/)

**Note:** We know many employees may have work commitments that prevent them from watching live, so a recording will be made available.

You don't need to have a Facebook account to watch this announcement live, but if you do have an account you can follow our main Facebook page here:

[www.facebook.com/KSDOTHQ/](https://www.facebook.com/KSDOTHQ/)

## Heartland Logistics Park groundbreaking



**“We celebrate Heartland Logistics Park, which will serve people and grow our economy both today and tomorrow.**

KDOT is honored to have played a role in bringing this project to Kansas – and we look forward to contributing to more great days like this under IKE.”

*—Secretary Julie Lorenz*



Secretary Julie Lorenz, right, joined Governor Laura Kelly and Commerce Secretary David Toland at Heartland Logistics Park's groundbreaking last week. The event was sponsored by the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce. Through the Economic Development Program, KDOT provided approximately \$4.2 million to allow infrastructure improvements on K-7, 43rd Street and Clare Road, which were necessary for the logistics park to locate in the area. KDOT is honored to have played a role in bringing this project to Kansas, which will help grow the local economy. You can read the entire story [here](#).

**Check out the video and subscribe to our Youtube channel [here](#):**

**Two ways KDOT is keeping Kansas on track**

# Selected State Rail Service Improvement Fund Projects

PROJECT SPONSOR	PROJECT	GRANT AMOUNT
Cargill - Wichita	Yard Expansion	\$180,000
Cimarron Valley Railroad	286k Upgrades	\$971,217
Garden City COOP	Loop Track Construction	\$1.3 M
Garden City Western Railroad	Major Rehabilitation	\$2.1 M
Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad	Bazine Passing Track	\$934,422
KYLE Railroad	Rail Relay	\$2.3 M
Occidental Chemicals	Yard Expansion	\$2.3 M
South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad	Bridge Upgrades	\$951,922
V&S Medicine Lodge	Major Rehabilitation	\$532,334
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11.5 M</b>

KDOT is invested in the success of the shipping, agriculture and railroad industries and announced nine rail improvement projects selected to receive \$11.5 million in State Rail Service Improvement Fund grants. More info [here](#).

Additionally, under IKE, the new Short Line Rail Improvement Fund program has been created to facilitate maintenance, rail relay and the rehabilitation of track, bridge, industrial leads and sidings on Class II or III (short line) railroads in Kansas. Applications for projects are now open. Click [here](#) for more info.

## Short Line Rail Improvement Fund APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

For more info:

<http://www.ksdot.org/bureaus/burRail/Rail/default.asp>



The program facilitates maintenance, rail relay and the rehabilitation of track, bridge, industrial leads and sidings on Class II or III (short line) railroads in Kansas. This Program is open to short line railroads and shippers on or adjacent to short line railroads operating in Kansas

Program funding is \$5 million per year for three consecutive years.

30% of total project costs is required in the form of matching funds from the qualified entity. A reimbursable grant of 70% of total project costs will be applied to approved projects.

## Peters returns to KDOT as new State Traffic Engineer

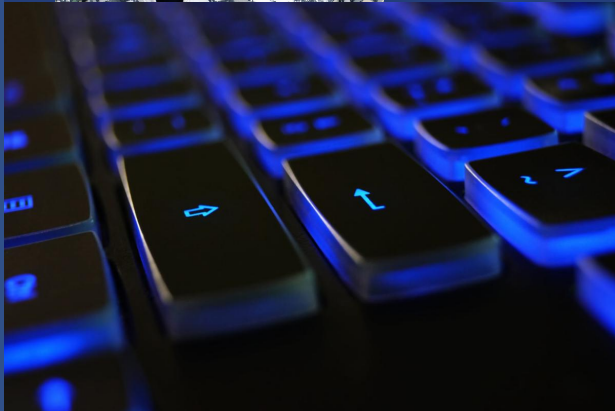
After a multi-year absence, Sara Peters returns as



KDOT's new State Traffic Engineer and said she missed working within the traditional transportation world, especially traffic engineering.

"I'm looking forward to reconnecting with those that I worked with before and building new relationships with those that came after I left," Peters said. "I'm excited to get back to what I went to school for and what I feel I'm more passionate about."

Peters succeeds Carla Anderson. Carla remains in Transportation Safety and Technology to assist with Sara's transition. Carla will become a Special Projects Engineer. Anderson will plan development in the Traffic Control Unit and manage the unit on plan development and scheduling. She also will assist with work in the Safety Section and Project Selection.



## TECH TIPS

The KDOT Data Warehouse is a central repository for collecting and maintaining agency data used for reporting and analysis.

There are over 241 million rows of data including, but not limited to, the following systems listed below at left.

- Bridge
- WinCPMS (Project Data)
- Fiscal
- CANSYS (KHUB)
- Capital Inventory
- Consumable Inventory
- Construction
- Crash
- Truck Routing Permits
- Human Resources
- Right of Way
- Outdoor Advertising
- Salvage
- SNICE

Most of the data can be accessed by using the Report Portals, a simple centralized web portal where employees can view reports created with agency data.

The web-based portal is available to all KDOT employees through the intranet at: <http://kdotweb.ksdot.org> and houses reports, queries and documents that can be shared across the agency (with appropriate security).

For additional information, contact Lori Jones ([Lori.Jones@ks.gov](mailto:Lori.Jones@ks.gov)) or Richie Donohoe ([Richie.Donohoe@ks.gov](mailto:Richie.Donohoe@ks.gov)).

## Pandemic changes how we work

COVID-19 has changed how many KDOT employees work. While some may still be able to telework, others may be returning to offices. As employees return, they may notice some important changes.

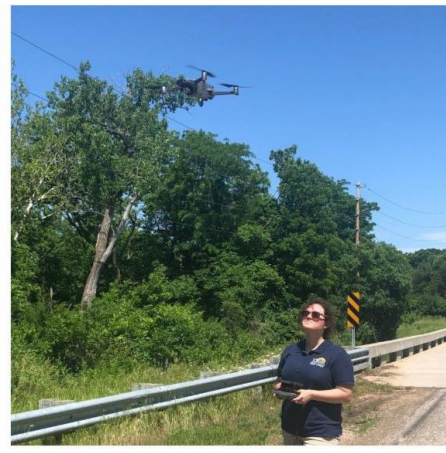
At KDOT Headquarters, Plexiglas barriers were installed at the security desk, and signs in the elevators now remind everyone to wear a mask, which is required in all state buildings.

Check out next week's Translines issue to find out what other changes are occurring in district offices.



## KDOT Division of Aviation shares UAS technology with kids

Clear, sunny days have given drone pilots who were recently-licensed and KDOT Division of Aviation staff the opportunity to practice with the equipment. Even better, the pilots have had the chance to enthuse nearby kids about UAS technology.



# KDOT KUDOS!

*I am a Johnson County resident and would like to compliment your teams on restoring and enhancing some of the area highway systems and interchanges. A few years ago, I started to notice the replacement of scraggly grasses and weeds with beautiful pops of floral colors and pretty prairie grasses. Along with the new growth, the influx of butterflies has been very noticeable and welcome. The landscape looks gorgeous and natural. Thank you to everyone who has been involved.*

*Sincerely,  
Angel K.*

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**We hope you have a great and safe**

# Fourth of July!



## **WE WANT YOU TO DRIVE SAFE**

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE • DITCH THE DISTRACTIONS  
ALWAYS BUCKLE UP • FOLLOW THE SPEED LIMIT

