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Entry Level Driver Training Team members in the photo above include, from left to right, first row: Troy Whitworth, Patty Schalk, Christine Werth, Sierra Percival, Ken Bowden, Dallis Schober; second row: Andrea Pugh, Amy Allen, DeeDee Becker, Lori Jones, Kevin Crain; third row: Barbara Montgomery, Jaimee Hauser, Michael Schneider, Clay Adams, Tyler Cooper, Jim Frye; fourth row: Brandy Hartpence, Adriane Creviston, Matthew Wadsworth, Sherry Petrie-Fitzgerald, Gerald Hammerschmidt; fifth row: Andrea Barnes, Larry Sage, Ronald Young, Ricky Carson, Larry Rohr, Michael Haff and Philip Nelson. Team members not pictured are Tammy Albers, Andreana Albott, Chris Collins, Richie Donohoe, Leslie Fisher, Leisa Halling and Cindy Wade. They were honored as an Example of Excellence on May 17.

Team members develop new training program

A group of KDOT employees started working in 2019 on a formal Entry Level Driver Training program as a new federal mandate required the agency to have it in place by February 2022 to train new CDL drivers.

Employees from three divisions (Information Technology Services, Field Operations and Safety), two bureaus (Human Resources and Maintenance) and each District implemented training on 32 subject areas, online testing, range and public course driving/testing. The team met the deadline, and the training is in place.

New CDL drivers at KDOT must successfully complete the training, and then a personnel portal transfers the information to a federal database. Then the participants schedule final testing at their local Department of Motor Vehicle office.

The Entry Level Driver Training Team was selected as an Example of Excellence for 2022's first quarter, and a ceremony honoring the team, led by Director of Field Operations Clay Adams, took place on May 17 in Topeka.



Grading and smoothing work proceeds on K-383 near Woodruff. Before Memorial Day the roadbed and entrances from 500 Road to the cemetery were smoothed out so people had access over Memorial Day weekend. Photo by Lisa Mussman, District Three.

Access to cemetery provided on closed highway for Memorial Day

By Lisa Mussman
District Three

Memorial Day weekend is an important time to not only remember and honor our fallen soldiers, but also pay respects to family and friends who have gone before us. So when a constituent reached out to KDOT with concerns about being able to visit the Woodruff Cemetery, which sits along the currently closed section of K-383 in Phillips County, the project team jumped into action to make something happen.

With the milling and removal of the pavement complete, crews were working on grading and box extensions. However, rain that week had put most project activity

on hold. KDOT and Venture Corp. were able to coordinate with Adams Construction, the earthwork contractor, to smooth out the roadbed and entrances from 500 Road to the cemetery so visitors could access the property over the Memorial Day weekend.

“It really worked out well since the earthwork crews were not working in that area due to the rain,” said Dan Moore, Phillipsburg construction office Engineering Technician Specialist. “We were happy to help out so visitors could still pay their respects.”

Grading operations resumed immediately following the holiday. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year, weather permitting.

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Alexander named Transportation Electrification Manager

Tami Alexander has been named the Transportation Electrification Manager for KDOT. The position was recently created to help the agency focus on strategic planning for electric transportation and to administer federal program funds. Alexander started her new role in May.



Tami Alexander

Alexander previously worked for Metropolitan Energy Center, a nonprofit organization, as their Senior Program Coordinator and served as the Central Kansas Clean Cities Coordinator. She was responsible for programs within the transportation department on

alternative fuel infrastructure and vehicle deployments and also educated the public and governments on electric vehicles (EV) and EV charging equipment.

“I am passionate about promoting the economic and environmental benefits of alternative fuels and vehicles and working with rural and urban communities to help them plan and implement projects that support their goals,” she said.

Alexander has bachelor’s degrees in mathematics-statistics and geology and a master’s in environmental science, all from Wichita State University. She is a Kansas native and lives in Wichita with her husband and their three children.

KDOT receives national Perpetual Pavement Award

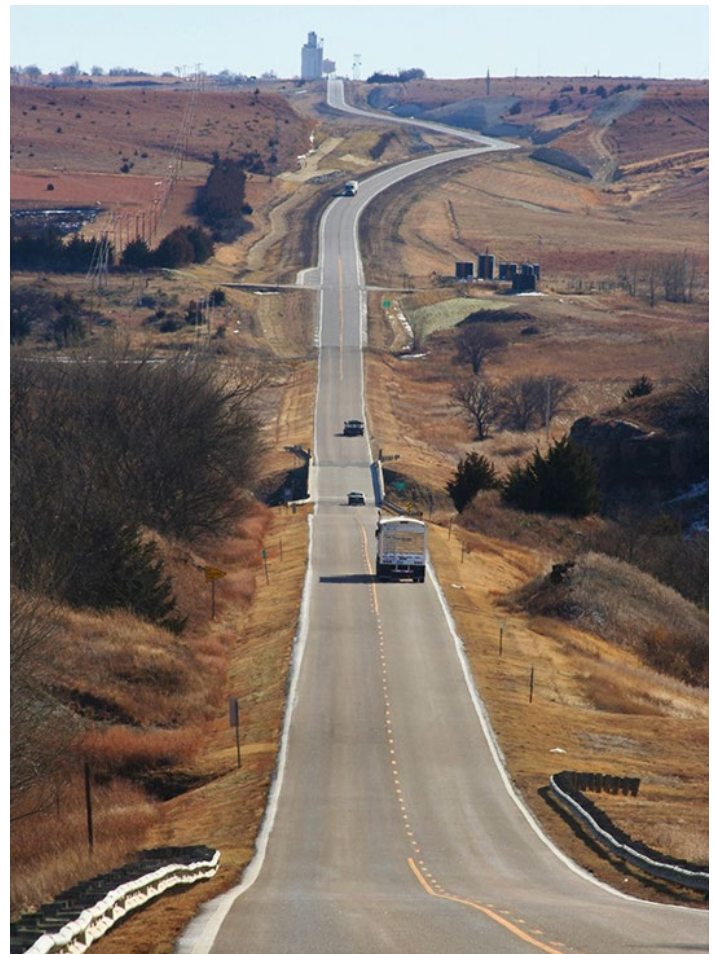
KDOT was one of six DOTs selected to receive a 2021 Perpetual Pavement Award: By Design, for a 4-mile section of U.S. 281 in Russell County from the Asphalt Pavement Alliance (APA).

The award recognizes newly designed and constructed asphalt roads built over new or reconditioned subgrade that meets criteria. Other state DOTs honored include Arkansas, California, Iowa, Maryland and Washington.

“We were very excited and honored to have received national recognition for this project,” said KDOT Area Engineer Kevin Zimmer. “U.S. 281 is a vital truck route that connects oil and gas fields and agricultural and freight products to the region. We will continue to keep making improvements to it through KDOT’s highway transportation programs.”

The two-lane section of U.S. 281 extends from milepost 145 to 149 and was constructed by APAC Shears Division as part of KDOT’s T-WORKS program. It was constructed on an offset alignment around an area that had previously caused issues on the highway.

At right, is a section of U.S. 281 that received national recognition. Photo by Neil Croxton, Headquarters



'Put your phone in your glovebox' and other safety tips

By Tim Potter
District Five

Kansas Highway Patrol Technical Trooper Chad Crittenden brings his decades of law enforcement experience and life lessons as a motorist to his defensive driving training for KDOT employees.

A point he stressed in training on May 25 at the District Five conference room at Hutchinson was putting your cell phone away while you are driving, noting the dangers of distraction.

Here are some quotable quotes from him about cell phone distraction:

--"Put your phone in your glovebox ... Put your phone somewhere where you can't access it easily."

--"I might add that kiddos not only see parents talking or texting, but also not wearing seat belts and losing their tempers while driving. We cannot be selfish when our children or others are in the car."

--"Most people don't think about talking on the phone being distracting."



*Technical Trooper
Chad Crittenden*

--When you were using your phone while driving, he said, "You were impaired – just like a drunk driver."

Nine more quotable quotes from Trooper Chad about defensive driving:

--"There are many drivers that struggle with properly merging onto a highway."

--"We see a lot more aggressive driving than we ever had."

--"In 2022, why do people still not wear their seat belts?"

--"91% of all incidents we have are preventable."

--"Just because you are on the side of the road doesn't mean you're safe, by any means."

--"Render aid if it's safe and you have the ability. Maybe the best thing you can do is make these 911 calls."

--"Never exit your vehicle when you are in the roadway if you don't have to."

--"Your hands (on the steering wheel) usually track with your eyes."

--"Stuff happens. Stuff happens quick."

Click It or Ticket

KDOT Traffic Safety Manager Gary Herman (right), Kansas Highway Patrol Superintendent Col. Herman Jones (left) and other safety advocates spoke at the Click It or Ticket news conference on May 18 at the Capitol. The safety campaign stresses the importance of buckling up. No matter how short the trip is or how big the vehicle is, injuries and deaths can still occur. Photo by KDOT Multimedia Service.



Employee spotlight: Marie Manthe, KDOT Librarian

What's your job title?

Librarian II

What sort of duties do you have at work?

I evaluate, acquire, organize and provide access to information resources (print and digital reports and other publications). Most of these are in a public catalog so they can be shared with external researchers as well as KDOT personnel. I do literature searches for KDOT employees, and I try to find answers to questions from our staff, external partners and the public. Recently, I've been helping with the Bureau of Research's intranet pages and finally created a page for the KDOT Library.

What kind of music do you like?

Favorite artists, mainly in reverse chronological order: Patty Griffin, Eva Cassidy, Maria McKee, Tori Amos, R.E.M., Heart and The Go-Go's. I love the 80s music I grew up with, and many of the "oldies" my parents liked.

What's the most exciting part of your job?

Finding the answer to a tricky question or the best reports for a complex literature search. I also love digging into older books and articles to answer historical questions - whether that's KDOT/Kansas history, highway history or when a certain materials test was first developed.

What's something you're proud of?

I'm proud to have a master's in library science even though I dropped out of high school. Also, as someone who has struggled with depression all my life, I'm proud to still be here (and mostly functioning).

What's your favorite food?

Probably pizza. I also have a sweet tooth, and it's hard to resist anything chocolate.

What's your favorite movie?

The list is so long, but here are a few: Four Weddings and a Funeral, Howards End, Exotica, Wuthering Heights (1939 version) and The Sixth Sense.

Do you have any hidden talents or hobbies?

My main hobby (no surprise) is reading, as well as writing and other book-adjacent activities. Fewer people know that I have a very small publishing business.



Marie Manthe in the KDOT Library.

Since my own writing has slowed in recent years, I've just started publishing books by other people.

Do you have any pets?

Two dogs (Cinnamon & Chloe) and two cats (Pippin and Professor).

Are you a sports fan? Who are your favorite teams?

I'm not sporty at all, but I like to watch figure skating. My husband and sons like KU basketball, KC Royals and Chiefs. I'm from Massachusetts, so I also like the Boston Celtics and Red Sox.

Are you a coffee, tea or pop person?

Tea with breakfast, Diet Coke with lunch and supper and café mocha (hot or iced) for an extra boost of caffeine and sugar.

What's something you find challenging about your work?

After 18 years, it can be hard to feel enthusiastic about the routine everyday tasks. At the other extreme, I get frustrated when I'm digging for specific information or an old report and just can't find it.

What three items would you take with you to a deserted island?

A new notebook, a package of pens and a fully charged e-reader.

GETTING TO KNOW

OUR KDOT CO-WORKERS

Featuring an employee each month from different offices throughout KDOT.



Below, Run for the Wall participants are greeted by locals as they enter the KTA service area east of Topeka. Above, riders fill up on gas while they take a short break. Photos by Kate Craft, District One

Run For The Wall rides through Kansas

By Kate Craft
District One

Motorcyclists rolled through Kansas last month as part of the annual Run for the Wall event, the largest organized motorcycle ride in the country that honors the sacrifices made by all veterans. About 400 riders and support vehicles crossed the Sunflower State on their 10-day journey from Ontario, Calif., to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.

The group made several stops along I-70, including an overnight stay in Junction City, before arriving at the KTA service area outside of Topeka to fuel up and take a short break before continuing eastward.

“We ride for those who can’t. To show respect and honor the 58,000-plus people on the Vietnam Memorial Wall,” said Glenn Miller, a regular participant from Georgia.

According to the organization’s website, James Gregory and Bill Evans, both Vietnam Veterans, organized the first Run for the Wall and departed San Diego in May 1989 with approximately 115 participants. Many riders didn’t complete the trip, but about 15 of them rode across the country, on what is now called the “Central Route,” and completed the inaugural Run for the Wall on May 26, 1989.

The event has grown significantly since then. The number of participants started to cause safety concerns, which led organizers to add the “Southern Route” in



2000 and the “Midway Route” in 2013.

A fourth route was added in 2018 and is a tribute to those who served and sacrificed in more recent conflicts. The “Sandbox Route” begins in Washington, D.C., after the Run for the Wall ceremonies are complete. Riders then travel to the Middle East Conflicts Wall Memorial in Marseilles, Ill., to honor those who lost their lives in any of the Middle East conflicts since 1967.

The ride is designed to promote healing among veterans and those close to them, support military personnel all over the world, call for an accounting of all Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action (POW/ MIA) and to honor the memory of those Killed in Action (KIA).

People gather at first public meeting about East Kellogg

By Tracy Statton
District Five

A large crowd gathered May 26 at the LifeChange Church in Wichita for an open house-style public meeting about the future improvements to East Kellogg in Wichita and Andover. The meeting helped to inform community members of the environmental process through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), collect feedback and discuss the next steps in the design and construction.

The project includes improvements to East Kellogg in two phases. The first is from I-35/K-96 in east Wichita through 159th Street in Andover. The second is from east of 159th Street to east of Prairie Creek Road in Andover. The goal of the project is to reduce congestion, increase safety, improve trip reliability and support economic growth.

More than 150 people registered during the event. Attendees met with the project team and asked questions. Display boards provided information about project studies, designs and timelines. Community members were asked to then share their thoughts via website, email, mail, phone or fill out comment cards at the event. Public comments are being accepted until June 9.

The project will include reconstructing roughly 2.5 miles of East Kellogg and adding travel lanes and frontage



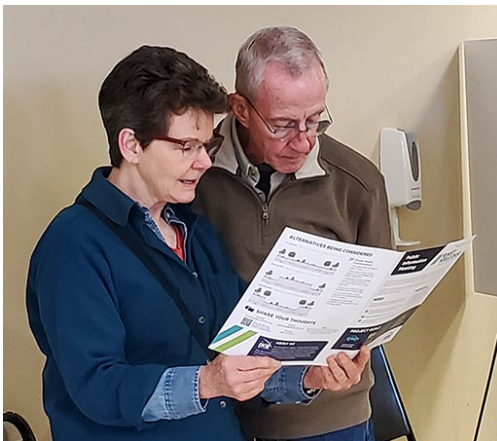
In the photos above and below, attendees look at flyers and information boards to learn more about the East Kellogg project future improvements. Photos by Tracy Statton, District Five

roads, interchange improvements and grade-separated intersections.

It's part of the IKE Program, a 10-year, \$10 billion modernization, preservation and expansion program for the state's transportation system.

The design build team is expected to be selected this October. The proposed completion date for the project is December 2025.

More information about this project can be found [here](#).



U.S. 169 reconstruction challenged by rainy conditions

By Priscilla Petersen
District Four

Soaking rains of late May and early June, although helpful in alleviating drought conditions in southeast Kansas, have created extra challenges for scheduling activities on highway projects.

Independence Construction Engineer Geryd Erbele said wet weather has set work back two weeks on the U.S. 169 pavement reconstruction in Neosho and Allen counties. “They are placing fabric and base now, and will start placing cement-treated base next,” he said. Concrete paving on the section, extending 3 miles north from K-39 at Chanute to the Plummer Avenue exit, will take place at the end of June, weather permitting.

Erbele said that the contractor, Emery Sapp & Sons Inc., is hopeful that the final phase of the project – from Plummer north to Humboldt vicinity – will begin in mid-August. The 13-mile project started in March of 2021. Construction was completed last fall between K-39 and 130th Street in Neosho County. If all goes according to the plan, the project will be finished and open to traffic by mid-November.



Rain has set back work on U.S. 169 in Neosho and Allen counties. Photo by Warren Ebberts, District Four



U.S. 166 bridges being replaced

A project to replace six weight-limited bridges on U.S. 166 east of Chetopa is in its second year. The project is on track for completion in mid-November, said KDOT Engineering Technician Specialist Doug Pulliam in Pittsburg.

Three new bridges were constructed during 2021, followed by a winter shutdown. Currently, two signals are controlling one-lane traffic at the project area as work is completed on the remaining three bridges. KDOT awarded the construction contract of \$14.8 million to Bridges Inc.

At left, U.S. 166 work zone for bridge replacement. Photo by Priscilla Peterson, District Four

Don't let a little wound become a big problem

By Troy Whitworth
Director of Safety

I have shared quite a few stories this past year, and I try to relate many of them to an event that has happened in my own life. I imagine by now you have figured out that I have learned a lot of lessons the hard way. Some of these hard lessons also have left a scar or two.

One of the hardest lessons for me to learn is about wearing gloves. Specifically leather gloves that can protect your hands from scratches, scrapes and gashes. Just this weekend, I was working on a couple projects and gouged my index finger and then cut open one of my knuckles. Both injuries bled a lot and required me to wear bandages. If I had been wearing gloves, neither of these injuries would have occurred.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." I believe he was talking about something different than injury prevention, but the phrase fits my scenario. If I had worn gloves during this work, I wouldn't be wearing bandages now. We should try to focus on prevention of injuries rather than first aid.

But, since I injured myself, let's talk a bit about wound care. I have become somewhat of an expert on this type of minor injury due to my poor choice of not wearing gloves. Thoroughly wash your hands first, no matter where the injury is, to help prevent infection as you tend to the wound. Then try to stop the bleeding. Usually, the bleeding stops on its own, but sometimes

you will need to put a little pressure on the wound with a clean cloth or bandage. Elevating the wound also can help slow the bleeding.

Next, rinse the wound with warm water. Wash around the wound with soap but try to keep the soap out of the wound. Most of the time any dirt or grit that is in the wound can be rinsed out with the water. If the wound is really dirty and you can't get it cleaned, you may want to see a doctor. After it is rinsed, you can apply an antibiotic cream to the area or petroleum jelly to keep the surface of the wound moist. Some folks can get a rash from these creams. If you do, check with your doctor for some safe alternatives.

Now you will want to cover the wound. Covering the wound helps keep it clean. On a minor scrape or scratch, it's best to leave it uncovered once it is cleaned. The scab will provide protection against infection if the wound has been cleaned properly. On a deeper

wound, you need to apply a bandage. You will also want to change the bandage at least once a day or when the bandage gets wet or becomes dirty. If you notice redness, drainage, swelling or additional pain from the wound, it may be infected. In this case, you should see a doctor.

Check when you had your last tetanus shot if it is a deep or extremely dirty wound. Tetanus shots are recommended every 10 years, but a booster may be needed – find out what is best for you because tetanus can be life-threatening. [Here](#) is a video link for treating scrapes and cuts. For your family and mine.



Trivia!

Random trivia – answers flow from one to the next -

1. What was the highest grossing film of 1962?
2. Who played the main role in that movie?
3. Later he starred in another top grossing film in 1977 – what was it?

4. Who was the main character of this movie?
5. What was the name of the actor who portrayed him?
6. What was the first show this actor worked on?
7. What is this show listed in the Guinness World's Records for?

TOPS prevents rollovers

By Tom Hein
District Five

A new Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) installation in Wichita is apparently working. Its job: prevent truck rollovers at the “301 curve” on eastbound K-96 ramp to eastbound U.S. 54.

The unique set-up is nicknamed TOPS for Truck Overturn Prevention System. It is apparently working because a truck rollover at this location has not occurred since it began operation in late April. It has been a historical problem area that has often closed the system-to-system ramp for up to 12 hours to allow towing and site cleanup – sometimes including animal roundup and removal.

By monitoring the three cameras at the site, one can see the warning sign activate properly (after sensors recognize the vehicle as a large truck going too fast for the approaching curve). Plus, cameras show truck drivers are braking after the sign's message is visible (possibly in reaction to the warning).

Other prevention methods used in the past include additional signage with flashing beacons, friction



A new Truck Overturn Prevention System (TOPS) installed on the eastbound K-96 ramp to eastbound U.S. 54 looks to be helping reduce truck rollovers. Photo by Tom Hein, District Five

surfacing on the curve, arrows and speed reduction notices painted on the roadway. All were helpful, but the rollovers continued.

With the seemingly successful ITS measure at this location, a project in the Kansas City area includes two similar TOPS – one at the Lewis and Clark Viaduct and one at the K-10/I-435 interchange.

Trivia answers

1. “Lawrence of Arabia,” \$20.3 million.
2. Actor Alec Guinness.
3. “Star Wars,” \$195.6 million.
4. Luke Skywalker.

5. Actor Mark Hamill.
6. “General Hospital.”
7. Longest-running American soap opera still in production.

Massive K-14 realignment is about half complete

By Tim Potter
District Five

The K-14 realignment in Rice and Reno counties – the biggest active project in District Five – is a little over half complete.

That's with about another year to go before expected completion, said Michelle Burnett, the Great Bend Area Engineer overseeing the work for KDOT.

It's far enough along that pavement work on the mainline is expected to begin around the end of June, on what will be a new 15-mile asphalt expressway with paved shoulders connecting Hutchinson to Sterling on a more efficient route for motorists. The new alignment is being built so that it could be expanded in future years.

Aided by "a very good winter for construction," Burnett said, the project is basically progressing from north to south.

To get to this point, an immense amount of earth has been moved, an immense amount of concrete poured. A few of the statistics that Burnett and Engineering Technician Specialist Neisha Vetter provided: Crews have placed more than 1 million cubic yards of dirt. There are about nine borrow pits, three of them huge, for the earth work. A massive dredging operation near Sterling has been used to produce fill material, and a second dredging operation will be set up in Reno County. About 10,000 cubic yards of concrete has been used to build bridges and concrete boxes.



K-14 realignment progress continues - the new bridge at Avenue V that goes over the new K-14 at Sterling, in Rice County. Below, a view of the mainline looking south from Avenue V. Photos by Craig Schartz, District Five



The construction challenges in each county balance out, Burnett said: While the Rice County portion has required building more structures, the Reno County portion has required hauling more material.

A summary of the bridgework so far: Three large bridges have been completed in Rice County and two in Reno County. Thirteen reinforced concrete boxes have been built in Rice County, and 11 have been completed in Reno County.

To give some examples of the bridge sizes: On the Rice County end, north of Sterling, the Broadway Avenue interchange bridge stretches 326.5 feet from end to end. East of Sterling, the Avenue V bridge measures 522 feet long. In Reno County, the 56th Street bridge is 353 feet long. Also in Reno County, work on a large bridge south of Nickerson will start probably in the last week of June.

Burnett said construction phasing has been designed to limit the impact on local traffic. During the work, the existing stretch of K-14 between Hutchinson and Sterling has remained open. Bob Bergkamp Construction Co. Inc., of Wichita, is the primary contractor for the \$81.7 million project.

More than \$100 million awarded through Cost Share

Governor Laura Kelly and Secretary Julie Lorenz announced on May 24 in Olathe more than \$7 million was awarded to 11 transportation projects through KDOT's Cost Share Program for spring 2022. With these grants, about \$103 million in state funding, matched by more than \$74 million in local funding, has been given to Kansas communities since the program began in 2019.

"My administration has invested more than \$100 million in our roads, trails and bridges since the start of the Cost Share program because quality infrastructure is the foundation of strong communities," Governor Kelly said.

Governor Kelly gave an example of how Cost Share can benefit a community. Enhancements to Cedar Creek Trail in Olathe will give residents greater access to recreational amenities, connect to regional trails and provide access to nearby health care facilities.

"We rely on local leaders to bring us their best ideas for projects that, with a little help, can make a significant difference in a community," Secretary Lorenz said. "Communities come to the table with a solid project plan, the support of local business and community members, and matching funds in place. State dollars help get the projects to the finish line."



Secretary Julie Lorenz speaks about the benefits to communities from KDOT's Cost Share Program on May 24. To see the list of projects, click [here](#). Photo by KDOT Multimedia Services



New KTA building making progress

Progress is continuing on KTA's new Topeka Administration building, located near Topeka Boulevard. All the interior and exterior precast walls have been placed and utility work is underway. This administrative building will house KTA's engineering department, legal counsel and an expanded Customer Service Center in preparation for KTA's conversion to cashless tolling in 2024.

SRSIF provides \$11.5 million for railroad improvements

Governor Laura Kelly and Secretary Julie Lorenz announced on May 26 in Humboldt that 17 railroad improvement projects across Kansas will receive \$11.5 million as part of KDOT's State Rail Service Improvement Fund (SRSIF).

"Kansas' railroad industry is vital to the state's economy and the nation's supply chain system," Governor Kelly said. "This \$11.5 million investment will modernize our rail network, strengthen our position as a national logistics hub and enable farmers and ranchers to get their products to market faster."

With the grantees' contributions, the total investment in rail improvement projects throughout the state is \$19 million.

"Combining state and private funds to improve local infrastructure is a core principle of IKE: leveraging partnerships," Secretary Lorenz said. "By placing emphasis on right-sized, practical improvements, together we are effectively addressing critical infrastructure needs for agriculture



Governor Laura Kelly announces 17 railroad improvement projects receiving funding on May 26 in Humboldt. Photo by KDOT Multimedia Services

and manufacturing in Kansas."

To see all the selected projects for railroad improvements, click [here](#).

Kansas secures \$20 million to improve rail infrastructure

Nearly \$50 million in federal, state and private investments is going to two rail projects – the Southwest Kansas Infrastructure Upgrade project and the Kyle Railroad Gateway project. Of that amount, \$20 million comes through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Grant Program, a federal grant program of the U.S. DOT, then \$29.5 million in state and private investments.

"I'm thankful we were able to secure these two federal grants to improve our rail network," Governor Laura Kelly said. "By investing in this part of the supply chain, we are strengthening Kansas' role as the nation's logistics hub and making it easier for manufacturers and farmers to get their products to market."

Kyle Railroad Gateway project funds will replace 23.5 miles of obsolete track with upgraded continuous welded rail on the Kyle Railroad Company's Concordia Subdivision between Beloit and Yuma Junction. The project will increase the rail's operating speed from 10 to 25 miles per hour, enable the line to support 286,000-pound rail cars and connect northern Kansas to the national rail network.

Southwest Kansas Infrastructure Upgrade project funds will improve the Cimarron Valley Railroad from Dodge City to Hugoton. They will enable the rail to support biodiesel operations and local agricultural product transports, raise the operating speed from 10 to 25 miles per hour and increase the rail's weight capacity.

Thank you for your service

Retirees

The following employees will retire on July 1.

Headquarters

Pamela Bean, Engineering Technician Senior, Construction & Materials

John Grabauskas, Applications Developer III, Information Technology

Michael Selley, Field Service Project Manager, Right of Way

District One

Doug Essenpries, Equipment Operator Specialist, Kansas City

David Vantuyl, Equipment Operator Specialist, Emporia

District Two

Rodney Taylor, Equipment Operator Senior, Clay Center

District Three

Martin Harrington, Highway Maintenance Supervisor, Norton

Lena Picazo, Administrative Assistant, Garden City

District Four

Wesley Moore, Equipment Operator Senior, Louisburg

Kelly Spiva, Engineering Technician Senior, Chanute

District Five

Marty Eshelman, Equipment Mechanic Specialist, Pratt

Diann Linville, Equipment Operator Senior, El Dorado

District Six

Clayton Hort, Highway Maintenance Superintendent, Garden City

If you know a KDOT retiree who is not receiving Translines - ask them to email Kim.stich@ks.gov - thanks

Milestones

KDOT employees celebrating June state service anniversaries.

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Marty Eshelman, Equipment Mechanic Specialist, Harper

Brian Gower, Bureau Chief, Lawrence

James Gray, Highway Maintenance Supervisor, Leon

Darrin Petrowsky, Professional Civil Engineer II, Iola

Duane Petty, Engineering Technician Specialist, St. George

Michael Terrell, Highway Maintenance Supervisor, Norton

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Todd Anderson, Construction Manager, Oakley

Justin Shaw, Engineering Technician Specialist, Lawrence

Daniel Wadley, Bureau Chief, Topeka

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Cody Braz, Equipment Operator Specialist, St. Francis

Cory Davis, Assistant Bureau Chief, Topeka

Phillip Pavey, Equipment Operator Senior, Fort Scott

In Memory

Condolences to the family and friends of KDOT retiree **Bill Parcels**, who passed away on May 16 in Topeka. Parcels started at KDOT in 1970 and served the agency for 46 years. He was a Pavement Surface Research Engineer in the Bureau of Research. Parcels retired in October 2016.

Condolences to the family and friends of KDOT retiree **Duane Nigus**, who passed away on May 13. He was from Hiawatha. Nigus served at KDOT for nearly 50 years. He started in October 1952 and retired in June 2002. Nigus was an Engineering Technician Senior in the Bureau of Construction and Maintenance.

Condolences to the family and friends of KDOT retiree **Don Winterbower**, who passed away on May 16 in Pittsburg. Winterbower began at KDOT in 1978. He worked at the Eric Subarea office as an Equipment Operator. Winterbower retired in 2004, after 25 years of service.

Condolences to the family and friends of KDOT retiree **Walter Fredericksen Jr.**, who passed away on June 1. He was from Fort Scott. Fredericksen began in 1951 and worked for KDOT for 35 years, retiring in 1986. He was a Regional Geologist in Chanute and also in the Geology Section at Headquarters.