

Translines EXPRESS

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Go Orange!

The Great Bend Area Office celebrates National Work Zone Awareness Week. More Go Orange! photos are in this edition.



District Four

Economic development funding: The city of Coffeyville will receive up to \$1 million from KDOT to fund improvements that will support the expansion of a long-time Coffeyville business.

The funding, which will improve streets near Acme Foundry, a 110-year-old fixture of the Coffeyville business community, was announced on March 13 by Gov. Sam Brownback.

Acme, a locally-owned company that produces castings for various industries, plans to expand their plant by constructing a 30,000-square-foot shipping/receiving facility and add 50 jobs. Transportation improvements are critical because the existing street that serves the foundry and other industrial traffic must be removed to provide room for Acme's expansion. Without the road improvements to be funded through KDOT's Economic Development program, Acme wouldn't be able to expand. The Economic Development program provides \$10 million in funding annually to assist communities to be more competitive in regional, national and even global markets.

"One of the best ways to encourage economic growth



Gov. Sam Brownback announces the funding Coffeyville will receive as part of KDOT's Economic Development program. Also speaking at the event were Executive Director of the Montgomery County Action Council Aaron Heckman, center, and Secretary Mike King.

is through strategic investment in transportation infrastructure," said Secretary Mike King. "That's exactly what we've done in Coffeyville."

Go Orange Day! in Kansas

Show your support for all highway workers and wear something **orange** tomorrow, March 26

District One

Office closing: The KDOT Area Office in Osage City will be closed in the next two to three months, according to District One Engineer Mike Stringer. The Osage City Subarea Shop will remain.

“All of those employees will continue to be KDOT employees and we’re doing our best to place them in other work locations that soften the impact to them, personally, but still help KDOT accomplish the things we have to do as an agency,” said Deputy Secretary Jerry Younger.

There are details to be worked out, Stringer said, such as reassigning staff, determining new area boundaries, taking inventory of equipment, getting supplies moved, and more.

“Let me reassure everyone that there is no ‘master plan’ to close field offices. But as opportunities present themselves to make changes that could result in the ability to deliver what KDOT does but at a reduced cost to our operating budget, we would be remiss not to spend time assessing those opportunities,” Younger said.

Employee Recognition

Correction: In the March 11 edition of Translines in the Employee Recognition photo on page one, Jessica Upchurch was pictured in the first row, third person from the left, and Brandy Sutherland was unable to attend. The two names were switched.

Traffic Safety

National recognition for safety: Dave Corp, Kansas Law Enforcement Liaison, Bureau of Transportation Safety and Technology, received a Public Service award from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for his efforts to improve highway safety across the country.

Corp was one of 12 individuals or organizations recognized at the 33rd annual NHTSA Lifesavers Conference in mid-March in Chicago. He was honored for his leadership and dedication in advancing traffic safety programs which contribute to reducing motor vehicle deaths and injuries in Kansas.

“The continued leadership of safety practitioners and organizations across the country is essential to tackling the most dangerous driving practices – whether the issue is drunk driving, seatbelt use, or distraction,” said U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. “The winners exemplify the highest levels of dedication and hard work that are critical to saving lives across America’s roads.”



Dave Corp

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Thursday, March 19

Prairie Trail Scenic Byway extended



Secretary Mike King recently approved a 24-mile extension of the Prairie Trail Scenic Byway in central Kansas.

The original 56-mile route was designated as a scenic byway in 2007. It begins at Canton in McPherson County then follows county roads north to Roxbury and west to the south I-135/K-4 interchange. It follows K-4 westward to K-141 and then goes north to the K-140/K-141 intersection in Ellsworth County, where it formerly ended. The new extension will take travelers west on K-140 to Ellsworth, then north on K-156 to I-70.

The Prairie Trail Scenic Byway showcases a number of scenic and historic locations. Travelers can see bison at Maxwell Wildlife Refuge and visit Roxbury, Lindsborg, Marquette, Kanopolis State Park and Reservoir, Mushroom Rock State Park and Ellsworth, a prominent city along a branch of the historic Great Western Trail. It is one of 11 scenic or historic byways in the state, including two national scenic byways. The Kansas Byway program is jointly managed by KDOT and the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT). For more information about Kansas Byways, visit KSByways.com.

To see more stories on transportation topics, check out the regular posts on the Kansas Transportation blog at <http://kansastransportation.blogspot.com/>

District Four



Secretary Mike King stopped by the Independence Area office on March 13 to talk with KDOT employees and answer questions. During the trip, he also visited the Iola and Garnett Area offices.

District One

A project to replace the I-35 overhead sign truss structure at the U.S. 69/I-635 interchange began last week. The truss was damaged by a vehicle in early 2014 and was removed until repairs could be made. Collins & Hermann of St. Louis, Mo., is the contractor on the \$163,000 project that should be finished next month. Karen Peterson’s bridge squad is designing the project.



Trivia!

1. What is the main cause of crashes in work zones?
2. Going 65 mph instead of 55 mph for a six-mile stretch will save you how much time?
3. What is the Kansas Move Over Law? And how much is the citation?
4. How many people were killed in Kansas work zone crashes in 2014? How many were injured?

District Six



Contractors place concrete on the U.S. 50 bridge deck earlier this month.

Replacing a bridge one-half at a time: Work continues on a bridge replacement project about four miles east of the Kansas/Colorado state line on U.S. 50. The bridge is being replaced one side at a time, with traffic limited to one lane, controlled by a traffic signal. There is a 10-foot

width restriction across the bridge. L & M Contractors, Inc., of Great Bend is the primary contractor at a cost of about \$1.6 million. Work should be completed by the end of June. Kris Norton's road squad and Mark Hurt's bridge squad are designing the projects.

KTA



Reconstruction of the Kansas Avenue Bridge in Leavenworth County crossing over the KTA/I-70 near mile marker 221 is set to begin soon. The bridge has deteriorated to the point it needs to be replaced and was closed to all traffic last week. AM Cohron & Sons is the contractor for the project that should be completed in November. Most bridges crossing the KTA are 50 years or older.

District One

Bridge wing wall replacement: A bridge repair project began Monday to replace a broken wing wall on the south side of the U.S. 36 bridge located two miles west of the U.S. 75 and U.S. 36 interchange near Fairview. Crews will replace the existing 24-foot long by 13-foot high broken wing wall with a new reinforced concrete wall of similar size adjacent to the bridge structure. U.S. 36 traffic is reduced to one lane during the project and controlled by signals. Reece Construction Co., of Scandia is the contractor on the \$136,000 project that should be completed in early June. Travis Malone's bridge squad is designing the project.



District Four

A two-mile section of historic Kansas Route 66 has been nominated for the National Register of Historic Places. The section runs north from the community of Baxter Springs and includes the Rainbow Curve Bridge, a Marsh arch structure built over Brush Creek in 1923. The bridge is already on the historic register and sits on an offset alignment to the nominated roadway.



TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Inattention
2. About one minute
3. The Kansas Move Over Law, passed in 2006, requires motorists traveling on four-lane highways

to move into the left lane when passing a road crew or emergency vehicle with flashing lights, if it is safe to do so. Citations carry a \$195 fine plus court costs.
4. Seven people were killed, 397 people were injured.

SLT



Construction is taking place on the pier columns for the bridge that will carry traffic from eastbound K-10 to westbound 23rd Street near existing K-10 in Douglas County. There are a total of 26 bridges on the South Lawrence Trafficway project that is underway.

District One



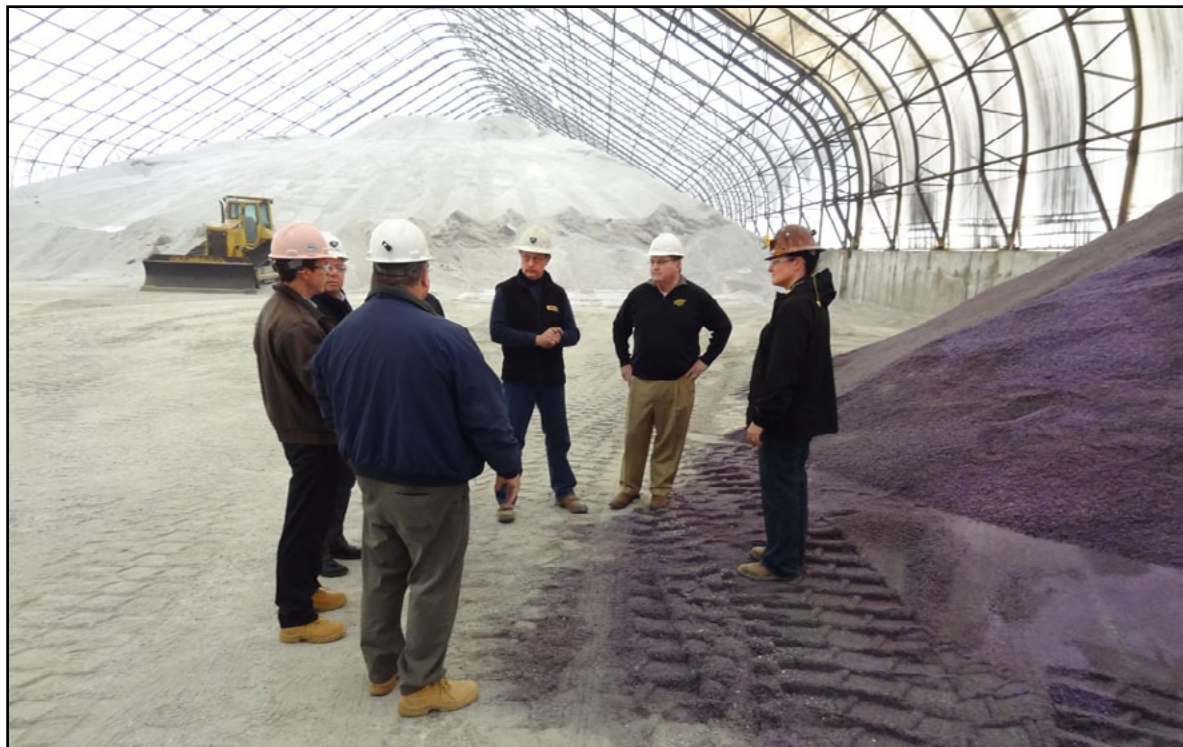
Pothole season is in full swing in the Kansas City Metro area. At left, Equipment Operator Ruben Hernandez from the Lamar Subarea Office spray patches a pothole on I-35 just north of the Lamar shop. Above, another pothole nearby gets repaired.

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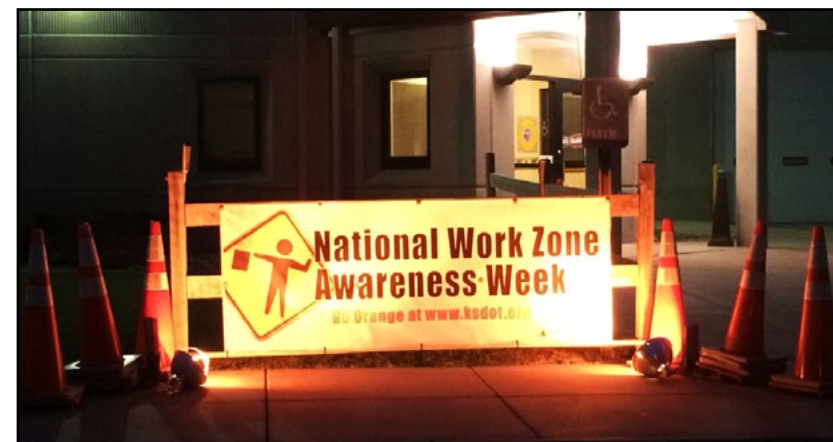


Top left, District Five office in Hutchinson; above, Governor's Mansion; bottom left, Hays Area office; below, Olathe Area Engineer Howard Lubliner and his family.

District Five



Secretary Mike King, second from right, visits Lyons Salt Company in Lyons on March 19 visiting the District Five area. Lyons Salt Company sells KDOT salt for winter snow and ice removal. He also stopped by Lowen Sign Company in Hutchinson.



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At right, Amelia Earhart Memorial Bridge in Atchison; below, Eisenhower State Office Building in Topeka; bottom right, Horton Area office.

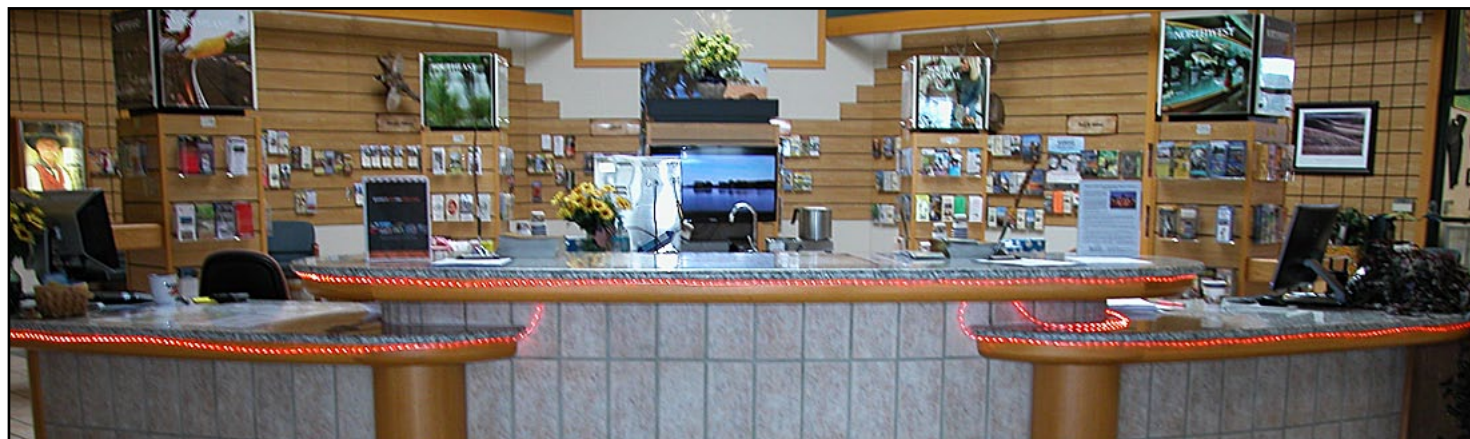


Orange is the color of the week: Several buildings and bridges across Kansas will be lit up in orange lights to help raise awareness on work zone safety for the week of March 23-27. During this week, orange will be seen at –

- All KDOT's District offices and several Area offices
- Governor's Mansion in Topeka
- Amelia Earhart Memorial Bridge in Atchison
- Visitor's Center in the Capitol
- Eisenhower State Office Building in Topeka
- Front of the Topeka City Hall building
- KTA Headquarters building in Wichita
- Travel Information Center on I-70 near Goodland
- 87th Street bridges over I-35 and Renner truss in Lenexa and the fountain in front of the Lenexa City Hall.

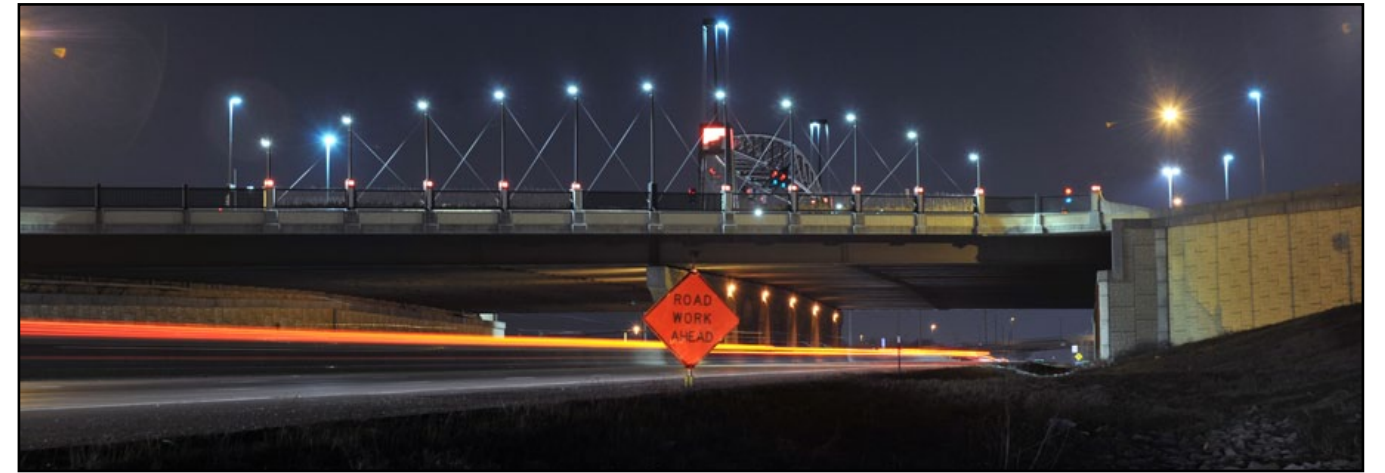
All this orange is part of KDOT and numerous safety partners' efforts to participate in National Work Zone

Awareness Week, a safety campaign that highlights the hazards and dangers highway workers and motorists face every day. People are encouraged to participate in this safety campaign by wearing orange on Thursday, March 26, the official Go Orange Day! in Kansas. KDOT will also share blogs each day written by highway workers and law enforcement about their experiences in work zones. Links to these and other information can be found on the KDOT website at www.ksdot.org.



Travel Information Center on I-70 near Goodland.

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Above, the 87th Street bridge over I-35 in Lenexa; at left, District Four office in Chanute; below left, Topeka City Hall; below, Visitor's Center at Capitol; bottom left, District Three office in Norton; bottom right, Area Four office in Topeka.

