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KDOT to delay expansion, modernization projects

In accordance with measures outlined by State Budget Director Shawn Sullivan today, the Kansas Department of Transportation will delay two categories of road projects scheduled for fiscal years 2017 through 2019.

Previously-programmed modernization and expansion projects will be delayed until remaining State Highway Fund revenues allow or new money is made available. Modernization and expansion projects are generally the larger projects under the current T-WORKS transportation program. Modernization includes work such as the addition of shoulders, passing lanes and remediation of hills and curves. Expansion projects add capacity to the highway system.

The delays include 14 projects in FY 2017 that have an estimated construction cost of \$271 million; 9 projects in FY 2018 that have an estimated construction cost of \$247 million; and two projects in FY 2019 that have an estimated construction cost of \$35 million.

“Despite the delays, the overall good condition of the 10,000-mile state highway system won’t be impacted since KDOT’s preservation projects will be let to contract as scheduled and will be funded at the \$400 million per year level. Nor will these delays affect projects that are already underway.” said Kansas Transportation Secretary Mike King.

The preservation program covers a range of work, including pavement and bridge repair, resurfacing and replacement.

“I also want to assure our city and county partners that there will be no change in the amount of revenue they receive from the Special City County Highway Fund (SCCHF),” Secretary King said.

Annually, KDOT shares about a third, or almost \$150 million, of the state fuels tax revenue with local governments through SCCHF. The project delays also won't affect other KDOT programs that fund aviation, rail, public transit and more.

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Projects to be Delayed

MODERNIZATION PROJECTS: These are projects that reconstruct existing roadway, widen shoulders, flatten hills, straighten curves, etc.

Route	County	Project Scope	Location	Miles	Construction Cost Estimate	Original Let Date
US-169	Anderson	2-lane reconstruction	From Welda north to Garnett	9	\$25,016,598	Mar-17
K-177	Morris	Widen/reconstruct	From 4 miles north of Council Grove north to the Morris-Geary county line	10	\$12,670,000	Mar-17
K-177	Geary	Widen/reconstruct	From the Morris-Geary county line north to I-70	14	\$16,330,000	Mar-17
I-135	Harvey	Interchange reconstruction	I-135 & 36th Street interchange in Newton	1	\$12,096,480	Dec-18
K-383	Norton	2-lane reconstruction	From US-36 northeast to the Norton-Phillips county line	10	\$22,990,000	Sep-18
K-383	Phillips	2-lane reconstruction	From the Norton-Phillips county line northeast to US-183	15	\$31,000,000	Oct-17
K-31	Osage	2-lane reconstruction	From Osage City east to US-75	7	\$20,600,000	May-17
K-14	Reno	Construct 2-lane on 4-lane ROW	From southeast of Nickerson northwest to the Reno-Rice county line	7	\$47,000,000	Oct-16
K-14	Rice	Construct 2-lane on 4-lane ROW	From the Reno-Rice county line northwest to north of Sterling	8	\$45,900,000	Oct-16
US-281	Russell	2-lane reconstruction	From Russell north to K-18	15	\$39,900,000	Jun-18
TOTAL				96	\$273,503,078	

EXPANSION PROJECTS: These are projects that address capacity issues by adding lanes or new interchanges.

Route	County	Project Scope	Location	Miles	Construction Cost Estimate	Original Let Date
US-69	Crawford	4-lane expressway section	From K-47 north to 3 miles north of Arma	6	\$24,173,554	Jun-17
US-69	Crawford	4-lane upgradable expressway	From 3 miles north of Arma north to the Crawford-Bourbon county line	5	\$25,060,575	Jun-17
US-69	Bourbon	4-lane upgradable expressway	From the Crawford-Bourbon county line north 6 miles	6	\$26,492,902	Jun-17
US-166	Cherokee	4-lane freeway	From east of Baxter Springs east and south to the KS-MO state line	6	\$45,800,000	Aug-17
US-50	Gray	4-lane expressway	From Cimarron east to the Gray-Ford county line	7	\$32,000,000	Feb-18
US-50	Ford	4-lane expressway	From the Gray-Ford county line to Dodge City	9	\$37,000,000	Feb-18
US-77	Geary	Intersection reconstruction	US-77 & Old US-77 and US-77 & Old Milford Rd in Junction City	1	\$5,800,000	Jun-17
US-50	Lyon	4-lane expressway section	From the 2-lane/4-lane transition west of Emporia west 1 mile	1	\$5,000,000	May-18
K-68	Miami	Frontage road	From Somerset Road east for 0.3 mile	0.3	\$2,260,000	Jul-16
K-68	Miami	4-lane expressway	From US-69 at Louisburg west 0.8 mile	0.8	\$11,500,000	Jan-18
US-169	Montgomery	Interchange construction	At the north junction of US-169 & US-160 east of Independence	0.6	\$13,464,000	Jan-17
US-169	Montgomery	Railroad crossing reconstruction	SKO Railroad crossing 3 miles south of US-160	0.1	\$768,605	Jan-17
US-75	Montgomery	4-lane expressway section	From the OK-KS state line north to Caney	1	\$5,565,000	Sep-16
US-54	Seward	4-lane expressway	From Tucker Road east of Liberal northeast to County O Road	3	\$17,800,000	Jan-18
US-54	Seward	4-lane expressway	From Park Road northeast to north of the Cimarron River	3	\$26,550,000	Jan-18
TOTAL				49.8	\$279,234,637	