



Brenda Miller with ABATE helps refuel motorcycles during the Run for the Wall event at the Topeka service station on May 19 at the Kansas Turnpike. KDOT, KTA and the Kansas ABATE chapter members handed out water, pumped gas and greeted Run for the Wall riders who were traveling through Kansas en route to Washington, D.C. to honor military veterans. KTA donated \$500 worth of gasoline to the riders.

KDOT designates \$10 million to improve bridges on local roads

KDOT announced in June a new \$10 million program will provide up to \$120,000 to local jurisdictions – primarily counties – to replace small bridges that are rated deficient. Bridges that qualify must have a daily vehicle count of less than 100 and be 20 to 50 feet in length.

“While qualifying bridges under the program have relatively low traffic numbers, they are important routes for farmers to get their equipment to fields and their crops to market,” said Secretary Mike King.

“Many of these bridges have low load rating and it isn’t legal or safe for some of today’s farm equipment to cross.”

There are approximately 20,000 bridges on Kansas local road systems and about 18 percent of those are structurally deficient. Of those, about 1,800 to 1,900 would qualify for funding under program guidelines. Local jurisdictions awarded funds must provide a 10 percent match.

Applications will be accepted through mid-September and project selections will follow in early October. More information can be found at www.ksdot.org under the Local Projects page.

TWORKS

The table below shows how much work was completed last quarter and how much has been completed so far in the program.

Complete Last Quarter		Total Complete
	Lettings	
\$108M		\$2.3B
	Projects	
71		1,051
	Miles of work	
463		7,714
	Bridges	
74		559
	Modal	
\$4.2M		\$63M

2014

Construction Season

166 bridges improved

1,790 miles improved

\$973 million in projects

Construction ramping up in one of T-WORKS busiest years

As the state's T-WORKS transportation program moves into its middle years, this will be one of the busiest construction seasons of the 10-year program

By late fall, when most work winds down for winter, crews will have worked on hundreds of projects this season that have a combined cost of nearly a billion dollars. That includes work on T-WORKS' two largest projects – the Johnson County Gateway and the South Lawrence Trafficway. Total cost of the Gateway is \$298 million and cost of the South Lawrence Trafficway is \$186 million. The costs include construction, preliminary engineering, right of way purchase and more.

“This is one of the biggest years of T-WORKS, which means hundreds of construction workers on the job, a lot of work for businesses that supply and service the construction industry, and tens of millions of dollars pumped into local economies,” said Gov. Sam Brownback.

T-WORKS is an \$8 billion program that was passed by the 2010 Legislature.

The heavy work schedule will mean a lot of orange barrels and a lot of men and women working very close to traffic.

“I know road construction is frustrating for drivers, but please focus first on the people doing the work, respect their space and understand that they want to go home to their families at the end of the day just like you do,” said Transportation Secretary Mike King.

Estimated construction lettings for July through September 2014

\$4M 0 miles 3 bridges	\$5M 2 miles 2 bridges	\$70M 15 miles 17 bridges
\$5M 27 miles 0 bridges	\$16M 9 miles 8 bridges	\$10M 11 miles 2 bridges

Built for the Growth of Kansas

From Transportation Secretary Mike King

At the Kansas Department of Transportation, we have a history of reaching out to experts to help the department and the state achieve its goals. And, those experts include you, your neighbors and the other people who know best what the needs of your community are.

So, as we promised when the 2010 T-WORKS transportation program was passed, we are planning our every-two-years tour of the state to meet with Kansans and hear what issues are most important to you. This year, the local consult meetings will take place Sept. 24 through Oct. 15 in Kansas City, Garden City, Hutchinson, Wichita, Chanute, Topeka, Hays and Salina. A new addition at a number of this year's meetings will be the Kansas Turnpike Authority, of which I became the director last year under legislation passed by the 2013 Legislature.

We will again talk about projects to be considered for preliminary engineering so that we have important infrastructure work in the pipeline when funds become available. And we will be asking for your feedback about KTA-specific expectations as you travel on that system.

I am looking forward to hearing from you about future transportation investments in your region. As we get closer to the meetings, we will announce the schedules and other specifics.

I'm also very excited about a new outreach event sponsored by both KDOT and the Kansas Department of Commerce. The Kansas Export Forum is scheduled for Aug. 27 in the Gardner-Edgerton area of Johnson County. We will be exploring ways that small to medium size businesses can leverage the state's multi-modal transportation system to get goods to market and to bring in raw materials. This event



Transportation Secretary Mike King throws out the first pitch at the June 5 Kansas City T-Bones vs. Wichita Wingnuts game in Kansas City. There were varying reports as to whether his pitch was a strike. Unfortunately, balls and strikes are not reviewable according to MLB rules.

is one of the offshoots of the April meeting of the Kansas Freight Advisory Committee, whose members made it clear just how important exports, and access to shipping, are for our state.

There are other public outreach initiatives that are still in the discussion stage, but those will have to be a topic for another Quarterly Report. I want to encourage you to participate in the local consult meeting nearest you. If you can't join us, at least let one of your county or city leaders know what's important to you regarding transportation. You are the expert on the needs of your community and we value what you have to say.



Where each T-WORKS dollar goes



Construction \$.47
 Local Programs \$.18
 Debt Service: \$.11
 Routine Maintenance: \$.09
 Transfers (KHP, etc.): \$.08
 Planning, Staff, Buildings: \$.04
 Aviation, Rail & Transit: \$.02



Where each T-WORKS dollar comes from

Sales Tax: \$.28
 Kansas Motor Fuels Tax: \$.26
 Federal Funds: \$.23
 Registration Fees: \$.12
 Bond Proceeds: \$.06
 Other: (Driver' License Fees): \$.03
 Local Funds: \$.02

Kansas Traffic Fatalities

April through June 2014	112
April through June 2013	84
January through June 2014	184
January through June 2013	154

Traffic fatalities are higher than last year

Midway through 2014, preliminary reports show that the number of fatalities on Kansas roads this year is a little below the five-year average for this point in the year but significantly higher than last year's record-low. Through June 30, the number of motorcyclist, pedestrian and bicycle deaths has increased over the same period in 2013.

"Fatalities are random and there's not always a good explanation why there are more some years than others," said Chris Bortz, the Kansas Department of Transportation's Traffic Safety Program Manager. "However, so far this year the number of impaired pedestrian fatalities is surprisingly higher."

KDOT orange taking over the Little Apple

KDOT recently opened an office in Manhattan.

Several times a week Local Projects Bureau Chief Ron Seitz and Associate Local Road Engineer Tod Salfrank will head to the Little Apple to supervise a group of Kansas State University civil engineering student interns as they work on projects for KDOT. Starting in the fall, the two will supervise and teach four to six student interns, and then starting in January, up to eight interns.

"The purpose is to promote engineering and science within the state," Seitz said. "It's a great recruiting tool for us and the university to be able to work on projects while they are in school and we can get some production out of it."

"It is real work for the students," Seitz said. "Several very small projects and design that the districts need - this will compliment and supplement the interns education."

A year from now Local Projects is hoping to have a full-time employee in the Manhattan office as well as looking for projects within the districts for the students to work on.