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## Meetings scheduled to update Kansans on T-WORKS, gather public input

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has scheduled eight regional meetings to update Kansans on T-WORKS projects in their areas and gather input from the public on how state transportation dollars are being invested. T-WORKS is a \$7.8 billion 10-year transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. Leading up to the passage of T-WORKS, thousands of Kansans participated in local consultation meetings hosted by KDOT to identify regional priorities. These meetings are part of KDOT's continuing emphasis on collaboration with the public in implementing the T-WORKS program. The dates and locations of the meetings are as follows:

Region	Date	Time	City	Location
North Central	Sept. 24	1pm-4pm	Salina	Kansas Highway Patrol Training Facility, 2025 E. Iron Ave.
Northwest	Sept. 25	9am-12noon	Hays	Kansas Highway Patrol Headquarters, 1821 W. Frontier Rd.
Southwest	Sept. 26	9am-12noon	Dodge City	Magouirk Conference Center, 4100 SW Comanche
South Central	Sept. 27	9am-12noon	Hutchinson	Ramada Conference Center, 1400 N. Lorraine
Kansas City- Metro	Oct. 1	9am-12noon	Olathe	Holiday Inn Olathe, 101 W. 151 <sup>st</sup> St.
Northeast	Oct. 2	1pm-4pm	Topeka	Eisenhower State Office Building, 700 SW Harrison
Southeast	Oct. 3	1pm-4pm	Chanute	KDOT District 4 Chanute Complex 411 W. 14th
Wichita-Metro	Oct. 11	1pm-4pm	Wichita	KDOT Wichita Metro Hillside Office, 3200 E. 45 <sup>th</sup> St. N.

In addition to hearing updates on T-WORKS and KDOT, participants will have a chance to weigh in on transportation priorities in their areas, should funding become available. During breakout sessions, participants will be asked to prioritize projects in their area that could be selected for preliminary engineering. A survey will also be given to participants asking for their input on future alternative revenue sources for transportation.

“When we get together this fall, we want to hear community leaders’ thoughts on a variety of transportation-related topics,” said Deputy Secretary and State Transportation Engineer Jerry Younger. “These meetings are an important part of ensuring that the T-WORKS program is understood and is working for Kansans.”

The T-WORKS program is designed to create jobs, preserve highway infrastructure and provide multimodal economic development opportunities. It includes \$4.2 billion in highway preservation projects and \$1.8 billion in highway modernization and expansion projects, plus additional funds for transit, aviation, rail and local roads. The program provides a minimum of \$8 million in investment in each of Kansas’ 105 counties.

The local consultation meeting locations are ADA accessible. Persons in needs of a sign language interpreter, and assistive listening device, large print or Braille material, or other accommodation to participate in the meetings should notify Sally Lunsford at (785) 296-2669 or [sallyl@ksdot.org](mailto:sallyl@ksdot.org), or (785) 296-3585 (Voice)/Hearing Impaired – 711. It would be appreciated if your accommodation request was made at least 1-2 weeks in advance of the meeting.

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