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October 25, 2006

Dear Transportation Stakeholder:

With the Kansas Comprehensive Transportation Program (CTP) coming to an end in 2009, now is the time to establish an effective, successful vision for our transportation future. To that end, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is updating the state's long range transportation plan. We are taking a hard look at our transportation systems and networks across the state, and we want to hear your thoughts about the current and future transportation needs and priorities of Kansas.

I would like to invite you to attend an upcoming Regional Transportation Workshop, made up of two specific components:

- **9:00 – 11:30 am – Long Range Transportation Plan Discussion**

During the morning session, we'll provide information on the current condition of Kansas transportation systems, demographic and freight trends for the state, and projections for transportation funding. We then want to hear your thoughts on the current and future needs of aviation, transit, rail, state highways, local roads, bike and pedestrian transportation. We also want to discuss economic development and locally important trends, opportunities and challenges. Because we're in the first phase of developing the plan, this will be a broad policy-level discussion and there won't be a focus on specific projects.

- **1:00 – 4:00 pm – Local Consultation Regarding Preliminary Engineering for Highway Projects**

Because it takes many years to design highway projects, KDOT needs to initiate preliminary engineering work for possible future projects even though there are limited construction funds at the end of the CTP. KDOT staff has been meeting with city and county officials for more than two years to establish a better process for gathering input on regional highway needs and priorities. At this session, we'll continue that dialogue and use a modified local consultation process to discuss possible projects for which KDOT should begin preliminary design work. We won't focus on aviation, transit, rail, bike or pedestrian transportation in the afternoon.

Please review the attached map which shows where and when these workshops will take place. I encourage you to attend whatever morning session is most conveniently located for you. If you intend to participate in the afternoon session, please plan to attend the meeting located within your regional boundaries. Information packets are being developed for the afternoon session based on regional boundaries.

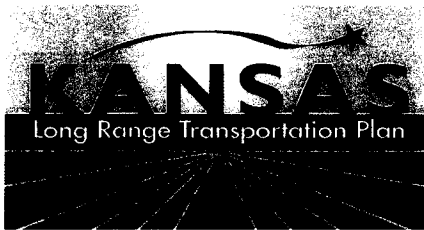
I appreciate your ongoing support of transportation and thank you in advance for your participation in the Regional Transportation Workshops. What we learn from these workshops will influence the future of transportation in Kansas. If you have questions about the Long Range Transportation Plan or the Regional Workshop, please contact Kyle Schneweis at 785-296-0293 or Maggie Thompson at 785-296-5613.

Sincerely,



Deb Miller
Secretary of Transportation

Attachment



Kansas Department of Transportation Regional Transportation Workshops

