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Weekly Report to Commissioners

Department Reports on Non-Routine Activities

Roads and Bridges

- R&B staff transported a premanufactured concrete equipment building from Salina to a radio tower site for the Emergency Management Dept. Thursday, April 30.
- Bridge T-22.7 on Timber Road has been repaired and returned to service.
- KU's Technical Training Center conducted an on-site Gravel Road and Street Maintenance Class for Republic on April 22 & 23. Operators and supervisors spent one day in a classroom setting and one in the field. One of the suggested improvements to our processes was to bury organic matter or soil from cutting eyebrows into the shoulder of the road instead of windrowing the material for consolidation on the opposite side of the road. Another improvement suggested was to avoid using blade extensions beyond 16ft and making 3 or more passes on wider roads if necessary. Blade extensions improve efficiency, allowing more miles to be patrolled in a day on wider major collector roads, however another pass or two with a shorter blade could improve compaction and the shape of the road. Shifting the focus from efficiency to improving quality might reduce the frequency the road needs a blade on it. Reducing cover on bridge decks, cutting drains in windrows, avoiding cutting hilltops and filling valleys were just a few of the many, many conditions reviewed with the goal of improving our processes. The willingness of our operators to participate in these debates is commendable.
- KDOT load testing of Bridge L-29.21 is expected to be performed soon. This should allow the posted load limit to be increased. Currently it has a posted load limit of 6 tons which limits though traffic to passenger trucks and cars and not much more.
- Reese Construction is the apparent low bidder for the construction of a replacement bridge on Nickel Road just west of 190 Road. Their Bid was \$431,000. KDOT has been authorized by the Commission to proceed. Construction is expected to begin at the late start date of November 2026, which will allow Nickle Road to remain open during harvest.
- The County has submitted Grant applications for an overlay project on 220 Road between Munden and US-36 and the replacement of a bridge on Queen Road 1.1 miles east of 30 Road in Courtland.



Community Concerns

ID	Description	Notes/Progress/Resolution	Status
Administration			
132	170 Road .0-.8 mile south of US-36; road & drainage improvements are needed.	Investigating solutions and impacts on adjacent properties	Open
45	Norway Lane; drainage improvements are needed.	KDOT is preparing a scope of work to improve KS-148 that passes through the community of Norway. This should significantly Improve drainage in the area.	Open
Construction			
119	130 RD .55 West of Zeal RD South side; Trees/Brush need removed;	Utilities have been located. Landowner agrees to tree pile placement on his property.	Open
136	Queen Road .75 mile east of 30 Road on the north side; the Ditch needs cleaned of Brush and trees for .25 mile to 40 Road.		Open
137	150 Road .17 mile north of US-36, on the west side of the road; a driveway needs improved.	Extend culvert 10ft on the south side, regrade to remove eyebrow at the entrance.	Open
138	Fir Road .67 mile east of 220 Road; a culvert under the road needs replaced.		Open
139	180 Road and Marble Road intersection; a sight obstruction was reported on the NW corner of the intersection.	Investigating	Open
140	Rock Road .25 miles east of 90 Road on the north side; Landowner requesting a new driveway be installed.	New 18"x30' CMP needed	Open
141	At the T intersection of 90 Road and Rock Road on the west side; a driveway needs replaced.	Landowner requesting the narrow 2'x15' concrete box be removed. Replace with a 24"x30' CMP	Open
142	Nickel Road .6 mile west of 150 Road on the south side a new Culvert needs installed'	Install a new 18"X40' CMP Culvert.	Open
144	170 Road .6 Miles north of Fir Road on the west side; Landowner is requesting a new driveway.	Install a new 24"x30' CMP	Open
145	Granite Road .4 miles west of 170 Road on the south side; Landowner is requesting ditches be cleaned and the driveway culvert be improved.	Investigating	Open
148	Birch Road.25 miles east of 110 Road on the north side; Landowner requesting plugged culvert be replaced.	New 18"x30' CMP needed	Open
150	Ash Road .5 miles east of 100 Road on the south side; Landowner requesting a new driveway.	18"x 40' CMP requested	Open
52	70 Road between US36 and Queen Road; Drainage improvements are needed on both sides of the Road	60% Completed overall. Drainage improvements will continue after harvest.	Open
Maintenance			
146	160 Road .75 miles north of Diamond Road on the west side; Ditch needs cleaned.	Landowner requesting the ditch be cleaned for .25 miles to install new fence, also place rip-rip around the box culvert to prevent scouring.	Open
149	Queen Road .1 mile west of 130 Road on the north and south side; ditch cleaning requested.	Investigating	Open
151	260 Road north of King Road; Report of road being scoured and rough.	Completed	Closed

Community Concerns, *continued*

ID	Description	Notes/Progress/Resolution	Status
50	30 Road improvements are needed to restore the crown in the roadway between Highway 36 and Fir Road.	4 miles have been completed.	Open
53	60 Road between Elm and Ash Roads needs the shoulders pulled and fortified with rock and econo-base then finished with gravel.	2 miles have been completed.	Open

Upcoming Events

1. Annual Report on High Banks Wind Energy/NextEra Agreement compliance issues.
2. Right-of-Way vacations for a portion of Seapo Trail in Section 21 of Grant Township and for the SW corner of Section 35 in Liberty Township (old Marble/US81 intersection ROW) are being prepared for Commission consideration.