



**Annual Meeting and Conference
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KDOT Freight Activities

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KDOT Freight Activities

- In February 2008 the Bureau of Transportation Planning was reorganized
- Within the Division of Planning and Development, the office of Multimodal Planning was created (freight, rail freight, OSOW, public transit, bicycle/pedestrian, safe routes to school and transportation enhancements)
- Oversize/Overweight truck responsibilities transferred to Planning and incorporated with freight rail activities – coordinate efforts with Kansas Department of Revenue, Kansas Corporation Commission and Kansas Highway Patrol
- Work internally with Bureau of Bridge Management (superloads), Statewide Planning, MPO Unit and Traffic and Field Operations
- Continue to administer the rail rehabilitation loan/grant component of the Comprehensive Transportation Program
- Monitor state and federal legislative activities pertaining to truck and rail freight



KDOT Freight and Related Studies

- **Kansas Statewide Freight Study and Commodity Flow Analysis**
 - Completion date of late April 2009

- **Kansas Statewide Rail Plan Update**
 - July 2009 start date – approximately 12 months to complete
 - Will cover both freight and passenger rail
 - Will meet rail plan criteria in the Rail Safety Enhancement Act of 2008

- **Kansas Statewide Weigh and Inspection Station Analysis**
 - Analyze existing weigh and inspection stations – are there enough? are they in the best locations? do they have sufficient technologies? can they accommodate existing truck flows and future truck flows?
 - Specific analysis of potential relocation, technologies, and physical attributes of both north and south bound stations on I-35 in Johnson County in association with the proposed BNSF Intermodal Facility and Logistics Park

KDOT Freight and Related Studies (con't)

- **Five County Study – Wyandotte, Leavenworth, Johnson, Miami, and Douglas Counties**
 - Study is multimodal in nature with a specific freight component and freight working group

- **Mid-America Regional Council (MARC)/Kansas City SmartPort Freight Plan Update**
 - KDOT involved with study coordinating committee

- **Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) Freight Study**
 - KDOT will assist WAMPO and provide data as requested

KDOT - Short Line Railroad ARRA Funds

- **KDOT management made the decision to dedicate \$3 million in ARRA funds for short line railroad projects**
 - Five projects
 - Two siding extensions at grain elevators, one new rail spur at an ethanol production facility, construction of a 7,200 foot passing track, and one bridge repair project
 - Grant amounts ranging from \$158,500 to \$967,800
 - Total awarded to date: \$2,169,400
 - Total of 17 applications submitted with over \$18,000,000 in grant requests

KDOT Freight Legislative Activities

- During the 2009 session, legislation was introduced to increase OSOW permit fees
- Fees had not been increased since the late 1950s
- All one-time permit fees were \$5.00; annual permit fees were \$125.00
- On average, it was costing approximately \$20.00 to process permit applications
- Agreement on proposed fee increases was reached by KDOT, KDOR, KCC, KHP and the Kansas Motor Carriers Association
- Fee increase will be used to help with the cost of upgrading the existing permitting and routing system software to make it fully web interactive (also applying for a CVISN grant)
- The legislation passed both houses and is awaiting the Governor's signature

- **New fees are:**
 - **Single trip overweight permit - \$20.00**
 - **Single trip large structure permit - \$20.00**
 - **Single trip superload permit - \$50.00**
 - **Annual permit - \$150.00**





Thank You!
