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Help Save Kansas Roads! TWORKS/Economic Lifelines Campaign

In 2010, the Kansas Legislature, with overwhelming support from all areas of our state, enacted T-WORKS, the state's 10 year, \$8 billion transportation plan, funded primarily by a 4/10 cent sales tax. T-WORKS is delivering major new improvement projects throughout the state, making travel safer, and stimulating the Kansas economy. Since its inception, almost \$1.4 billion dollars has been diverted from KDOT to shore up areas of the general fund budget, and the Governor is proposing to take an additional \$297 million this year. If we continue down this path of diverting T-WORKS funds to meet general fund shortfalls, there will be significant detrimental impacts, including lower job creation and higher costs to maintain the road network vital to our farms and businesses. KDOT has already announced reduced maintenance for 2016 and lettings for 2017. And this does not even address possible further reductions by the 2016 Kansas Legislature.



As a result, our industry is facing many critical challenges as we proceed into the future. Among these is the need to assure a steady flow of transportation funding as currently expressed in the Kansas T-WORKS program, and assist in the development of a future program starting in 2016. Additionally, we need to be prepared to have our voice heard when it comes to dealing with the Kansas Legislature as they consider the best way to address current revenue shortfalls. In order to meet these challenges KAPA & KRMCA has maintained a membership and contributed to Economic Lifelines for several years. As the state's leading transportation advocacy coalition, Economic Lifelines is a key component in the effort to maintain funding for T-WORKS.

Now, we need your help!! In consideration of the challenges facing our industry, the KAPA & KRMCA Board of Directors has authorized a continued commitment to Economic Lifelines. In the past, the KAPA & KRMCA along with other private donors has funded our participation in Economic Lifelines; however, your support is now needed to continue this relationship. We need your commitment to saving the Kansas transportation industry and the most efficient way, is through YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS to this coalition. Please consider making a donation by going to the Donations tab on the website www.kapa-krmca.org. Once again, thank you for your interest and support of the future of



From the Managing Director

It has been a busy four weeks since returning from our annual convention and now that the legislative season is getting under way it is even busier. It was good to see and visit with everyone at the convention, which was, by the way, up about 10% in attendance. It appears that everyone is in a fairly good mood and had a fairly good year. However, there was a cloud hanging over everything and it was concern over the future of the T-WORKS program.

Frankly this is well founded, as I have been busy dealing with the results across the street this year. The House and Senate both passed, highly fictional, budgets last week but only after removing another \$25 million from T-WORKS. Economic Lifelines, the umbrella

transportation advocacy group, provided testimony in opposition to this and was met with polite silence.

Faced with these realities your transportation lobby which includes KAPA, KRMCA, Kansas Contractors Association and Economic Lifelines have been working diligently to preserve the current funding scenario.

But the task has not been easy, given this environment, I wished emphasize the need for all of you to respond to our appeal for Economic Lifelines funding which was sent to you around February 1st. so far we have had a great response but we are still short of our goal of \$11,000 so please consider going online to kapa-krmca.org or send in a contribution today. Thanks for your support and we will keep you posted!!

Woody

“EAT CONCRETE” Event Date Change

DATE CHANGED!!

Due to changes in the Legislative schedule we have had to change the date of our annual event “Eat Concrete” at the state capitol building. The new date for the event will be Tuesday, March 22nd, 2016 from 1:15 P.M.-3:00 P.M. We strongly apologise for the limited notice on the date change. We encourage members to come out to this highly anticipated event. It is a great opportunity to start conversation with our legislators about issues affecting Kansas and our industry.



FIRST CONCRETE STREET IN THE U.S. CELEBRATES IT'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

In 1891, an 8-ft wide section of Main Street in Bellefontaine, OH, in front of the Logan County Court House became the first use of concrete in the United States on a road or street application. A segment placed in 1893 on Court Street - adjacent to the original pavement and on another side of the Court House Square - remains in service today and stands as a testimonial to the longevity and durability of concrete as an engineering construction material. To put the age of this in perspective, this was just 17 years after Custer's Last Stand and one year before Henry Ford began experimenting with his quadricycle!



Trivia Question: Where is the oldest concrete street in Kansas?

2016 KAPA-KRMCA Membership Dues - 2nd Notices

Attention all members, second notices will be mailed soon for 2016 dues renewals. As your loyal construction industry association, we of course owe a big THANKS to you for your support throughout the year. As you well know your continued support of the association will also be instrumental in achieving our 2016 goals.

As we look forward, it is beneficial to reflect upon why KAPA-KRMCA is so vital for your industry. Through your support our industry continues to be the best at the following:

- Online Presence
- Legislative Advocacy
- Quality Publications

- Member Recognition
- Networking
- Educational Events
- Statewide Representation
- Safety Resources & Updates



In 2016, with your continued support we plan to achieve even more. If you haven't already sent in your membership investment for 2016, you may calculate and pay online by going to the, “membership information” tab and then selecting “renew your membership” at www.kapa-krmca.org.

2016-2017 KAPA-KRMCA Annual Membership Directory

Members, we are already back to that time of year where we need your updated company information to publish the new updated edition of the KAPA-KRMCA Annual Membership Directory.

A copy of your current listing will be mailed to you this month. Please review your listing and send back any changes as soon as possible.

The Membership Directory is one of the most valuable benefits to being a member of KAPA-KRMCA. Not only is your company featured in a publication that is seen by the entire Kansas construction industry, but you are also featured in our online member directory which links back to your company's information and website. The online directory also has easy search capabilities which allows you and customers to search by keywords, organization, and even contact information. You may view the online member directory at <http://web.kapa-krmca.org/>.

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So How Much Does Kansas Rock?

1,310 Jobs
175 Mines
15,400 Crushed stone produced
9,710 Sand and Gravel Produced

Wanna learn how Kansas stacks up to the other states? Go to: <http://www.nssga.org/education/research-map/>

**You
Are Invited To
The Ides Of March**

**KAPA-KRMCA
Legislative Reception
Tuesday March 15th
5:00pm-7:00pm**

**Topeka Country Club
2700 SW Buchanan St**

**RSVP's Are
appreciated at
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COMMITTEE NEWS

KAPA-KRMCA 1st Quarter Board of Director's Meeting

The Board of Directors held their first quarterly meeting of the year in conjunction with the 49th Annual KAPA-KRMCA Convention on January 13, 2016. The meeting had a number of items on the agenda, which are all a crucial part to the success of KAPA-KRMCA. Some highlights from the meeting included an update on current legislative affairs. Check out the latest updates at <http://www.kapa-krmca.org/government-affairs.html>.

The Association ended the 2015 year with a surplus. The Association has done well, sticking with their proposed budgets and saving dollars. The Kansas Construction Materials Advancement Fund (KCMF) which is ultimately a product of the Annual Birdie Bash Golf Tournament also had a successful year. A healthy discussion was conducted on the current status of TWORKS and the Governor's recently released budget. Unfortunately the budget calls for another \$25 million from KDOT. However, KDOT Sec. Mike King claims he can make up the difference through the sale of excess band with.

The rest of the meeting consisted of summary reports from each committee. You can find all minutes from each committee meeting for the past year online in the Member Center of our website at www.kapa-krmca.org. After committee reports, the meeting adjourned just in time for the Early Bird Reception at 5 p.m. to get the 49th Annual KAPA-KRMCA off to a great start.

2016 Committee Call

One of the most efficient methods of advancing and promoting KAPA-KRMCA's mission is through active member participation in the committee system. KAPA-KRMCA, through committees composed of interested volunteers, is able to pursue its goals by targeting efforts on issues that most affect the industry. Committee involvement is crucial now, more than ever as members are forced to deal with complex environmental, regulatory, and legislative issues. If you are not already active, we encourage you to consider joining one of our committees. It only takes a few hours out of the year to be involved in a committee. Member participation with the committee system is vital to the success of KAPA-KRMCA's agenda during the year and we can't do it without you!

Committees include the KAPA Research & Specification Committee, KRMCA Technical & Quality Control Committee, Promotion & Marketing Committee, Birdie Bash Committee, and the Safety & Environment Committee. You can find a list of the committees with descriptions online in the Member Center of our website at www.kapa-krmca.org. If you are interested in serving on any of the committees, please contact the KAPA-KRMCA office at (785) 235-1188 or jscott@kapa-krmca.org.



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KAPA-KRMCA'S 49TH ANNUAL CONVENTION GOT US ON "THE ROAD TO SUCCESS"

The Kansas Aggregate Producers' Association and the Kansas Ready Mixed Concrete

Association held their 49th Annual Convention of the Kansas construction industry in Overland Park, KS, January 13-15, 2016. The theme was "Road to Success" and featured speakers, topics, and fun events around it.

Some highlights from the event included amazing speakers such as William Perry Pendley, President and Chief Officer of Mountain States Legal Foundation; Tim Grunhard, Former Kansas City Chiefs Offensive Lineman; Bill Graves, former Kansas Governor and President of the American Trucking Association; and many great presenters for the breakout sessions that took place on Thursday. This year we expanded

our trade show for even more interaction between suppliers and producer members and spouse/guests that participated were treated to a day at the spa on Thursday and Shopping on Friday. On Friday morning, attendees got to ask all their burning questions to KDOT Representatives at the annual Issues & Answers portion. Then awards were presented to those members who were chosen for the KAPA-KRMCA Driver of the Year program, Morgison Safety program, Municipal Concrete Awards, Volunteer of the Year, and the Governor's Mined Land Reclamation Award.

KAPA-KRMCA would like to extend a big Thanks to all the volunteers, speakers, helpers, Sponsors, and Board of Directors for their support throughout the whole convention.

2015 AWARD WINNERS



2015 KAPA DRIVER OF THE YEAR
Rex Hahn
Eakin Enterprises
Larned, KS



2015 KRMCA DRIVER OF THE YEAR
Merle Biehler
Eakin Enterprises
Larned, KS



KAPA-KRMCA Morgison Safety Award Winners
KAPA: • APAC Kansas Inc. Shears Division • Quartzite Quarry
KRMCA: • Midwest Concrete Materials • Manhattan Plant



KAPA-KRMCA Volunteer of the Year Award
Walt Bettis • Foley Industries • Wichita



Woody Moses • Cindi Moses • Julie Scott • Donna Murray of **Concrete Cares**



Governor's Mined Land Reclamation Award
Dane Barclay • Alsop Sand Co., Inc. • Concordia

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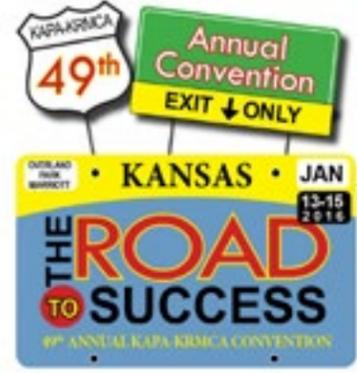
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Presented by the KANSAS AGGREGATE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION & KANSAS READY MIXED CONCRETE ASSOCIATION

Legislators and Staff are invited to join us for
Legislative "Eat Concrete" Day
March 22, 2016 from 1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
at the State of Kansas Capitol Building
3rd Floor, outside Old Supreme Court Room
300 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS

Please join us for "Concrete" frozen custard provided by Sheridan's Frozen Custard.
Please RSVP to the Kansas Ready Mixed Concrete Association at (785)235-1188 or jscott@kapa-krmca.org.

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KDOT Concrete Seminar



Will Lindquist, KDOT

This winter KDOT in conjunction with the association has hosted a series of concrete seminars in all six districts. The series, taught by Will Lindquist and Andrew Jenkins of KDOT, has been well attended by both producers and KDOT personnel. Topics have included mix design, specifications, field adjustments and acceptance. The goal of the series is to provide KDOT and producers the tools necessary to provide quality concrete to the public.

Farwell to Sid Garay

On February 8th Sidney Garay transferred back to Gilbert Arizona's MSHA division. Sid has been the Topeka MSHA Field Supervisor since April 2012. He is known for his professionalism and pride in the health and safety of American miners. Sid has been a great source of help for the KAPA-KRMCA Association in keeping our members safe and informed throughout his time here. Sid's decision to transfer was made because he missed his family. While being here in Kansas, Sid's wife, children and grandchildren remained in Arizona. He will be missed immensely, and we thank him for his years of service. Please join us in wishing him well.

President Obama Vetoes Congress' Disapproval Of WOTUS

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<http://www.nssga.org/president-vetoes-congress-disapproval-of-wotus/>

President Obama disagrees with Congress when it comes to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) controversial Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule, which would dramatically expand EPA jurisdiction under the guise of protecting waters. Today, the President vetoed a bipartisan congressional resolution, S.J.Res 22, that formally denounced the WOTUS rule.

"The move did not come as a surprise. The President made it clear months ago that he supports the EPA in this jurisdictional grab, and would certainly refuse to sign the bipartisan measure of disapproval," said Pam Whitted, NSSGA senior vice president of legislative and regulatory affairs.



"We were heartened that Congress agreed with the 32 states and the dozens of trade associations, including NSSGA, that have sued over this rule. We will be following this litigation closely over the next few years."

The Senate is expected to vote to override the veto this week, though the measure is not expected to surpass a 67-vote threshold for approval.

A nationwide stay of WOTUS enacted by the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals remains in effect, and a hearing later this spring will determine which court(s) have jurisdiction of the case. NSSGA has background information on WOTUS available, including the bipartisan vote on S.J.Res 22, the Government Accountability Office report that found EPA broke federal anti-lobbying laws during the rulemaking and memos from the Army Corps of Engineers laying out their concerns with WOTUS

February

- 17th - KDOT Bid Letting
- 18th - KDOT Seminar Series District 2 KDOT District HQ, Salina, KS
- 24th - Heartland Chapter ISEE Blaster Training (New) Olathe, KS
- 25th - KRMCA/KS ACI Concrete Field Testing Technician Exam Wichita, KS
- 26th - Heartland Chapter ISEE Blaster Training (Refresher) Olathe, KS

March

- 1st - KCA Spring Days Mayetta, KS
- 1st - MO/KS ACPA Portland Cement Pavement Workshop/Conference Kansas City, MO
- 7th - KRMCA/KS ACI Concrete Field Testing Technician Exam Kansas City, KS
- 9th - 97th Annual AGC Convention Antonio, TX
- 10th - MSHA Kansas Spring Thaw Hutchinson, KS
- 15th - "Ides of March" KAPA-KRMCA Legislative Reception
- 20th - NSSGA Annual Convention Nashville, TN
- 22nd - "Eat Concrete" KAPA-KRMCA Event
- 23rd - KDOT Bid Letting Topeka, KS
- 31st - CPG Lunch/Learn for KS AIA

April

- 4th - KRMCA/KS ACI Concrete Flatwork Finisher/Technician Exam Kansas City, KS
- 4th - KRMCA/KS ACI Concrete Field Testing Technician Exam Kansas City, KS
- 6th - Pittsburg State University, School of Construction Management, Construction Expo Pittsburg State University
- 8th - KRMCA/KS ACI Concrete Field Testing Technician Exam Topeka, KS
- 20th - KDOT Bid Letting

KDOT Highway Letting Dates

2016	May 25	September 21
February 17	June 22	October 19
March 23	July 20	November 16
April 20	August 17	December 14

Letting Report can be found online at www.ksdot.org. Click on "Doing Business with Us," "Information for Highway Contractors," Then click on "Letting Information"

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