

5-COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY

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Study Overview

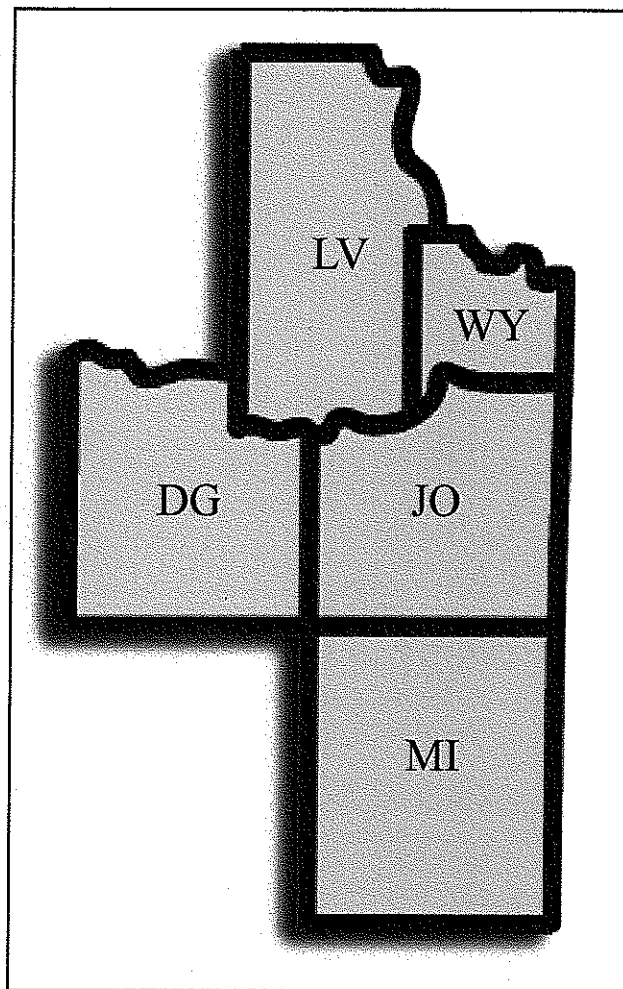
The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has initiated a transportation study focusing on the growing and changing transportation needs within Douglas, Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami and Wyandotte counties. The 5-County Regional Transportation Study has three goals: assess the multi-modal transportation needs of the region, prioritize those needs and develop strategies to address them.

Phase 1 of the study will address the first goal. It will identify the significant developments underway and/or planned in the five-county area and determine how those developments are impacting the area's transportation system. Facing increasing congestion and material costs, and reduced federal funding, KDOT wants to hear about major land developments, current and future business expansions or declines, and how residents are adjusting to changing fuel costs and environmental concerns.

The study will explore a variety of passenger and freight transportation options including car, truck, transit and train. Phase 1 is expected to be completed in late 2009. Phase 2, currently unfunded, is anticipated to begin in 2010.

"Growing transportation needs are not something that can be successfully addressed by individual communities," said Thomas Dow, State Transportation Planner, KDOT.

"A collaborative approach will benefit communities and travelers as we all face limited



funding resources. This study is challenging stakeholders to rethink transportation strategies to support community values and priorities. In the present economy, there will not be enough money to address all of the transportation needs. In order to best apply the limited resources to the unlimited needs, it is important to understand the priorities and look for new ways to solve transportation challenges."

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Help Shape the Future of Transportation

There are many different ways you can get involved. This includes traditional public meetings that will be held in each of the five counties. We also hope you will invite us to attend your regularly scheduled meetings (for example, chamber luncheon, Optimist Club breakfast, city council meeting, etc.) so we can explain to your group what we are doing and we can hear about what is important to you. A telephone survey and an interactive study web site, www.5countystudy.org, are additional tools that we will utilize to solicit input and/or provide information. We need your help. We will listen, and we do care.



Public Meetings — Stakeholders and the general public will be invited to participate in meetings to identify what they value in the transportation system.

- **Public Meeting #1 – Community Dialogue**

The first round of meetings will include a process where a community dialogue is created. A clearer understanding of values and trade-offs will be explored by talking and thinking about many points of view. One session will be held in each of the five counties in early 2009.

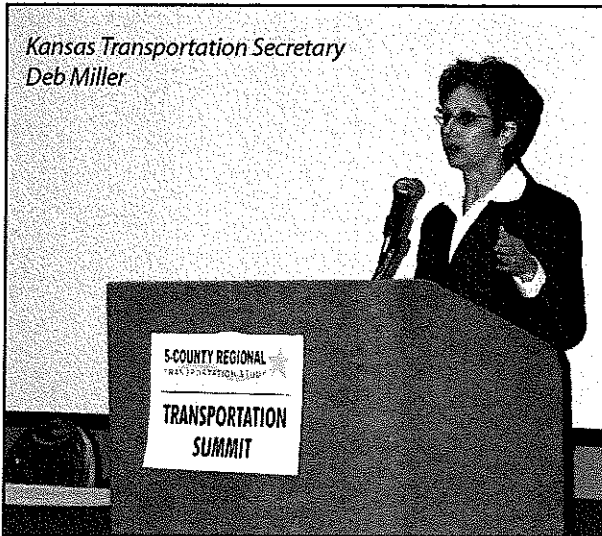
- **Public Meeting #2 – Open House**

The second round of meetings will be an open house format where draft study findings will be presented and feedback solicited. These meetings are planned for late 2009, toward the end of Phase 1 of this study. Again, one session will be held in each of the five counties.

Transportation Summits — The first summit was held on December 17, 2008 (see page 3). A second summit will be hosted in late 2009 toward the end of Phase 1 of this study, to present a summary of activities and recommendations for Phase 2.

Opportunities Beyond Traditional Meetings — Study team members also will utilize a statistically valid telephone survey, a speakers bureau and other non-traditional meeting opportunities to solicit a wide variety of public involvement and participation in this study.

Kansas Transportation Secretary
Deb Miller



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This study is a partnership of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), the Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) and the study area's counties and cities.

First Summit Draws Area Stakeholders

The Kansas Department of Transportation hosted approximately 150 area leaders and stakeholders for a Transportation Summit on Wednesday, December 17, 2008, at the Jack Reardon Civic Center in Kansas City, KS. The Summit was an early and significant step in the launch of the 5-County Regional Transportation Study, which applies an integrated approach for transportation planning for Douglas, Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami and Wyandotte counties.

Stakeholders heard from regional and national transportation planners as well as Kansas Transportation Secretary Deb Miller and U.S. Senator Sam Brownback. Participants contributed and discussed their own ideas about transportation needs and opportunities. The information collected will be compiled into a Preliminary Draft Needs and Opportunities Atlas.

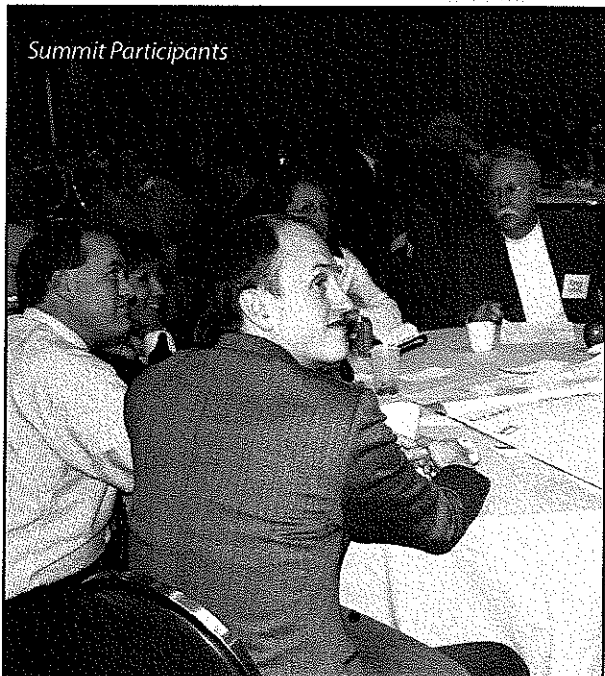
"Very, very good meeting. I was genuinely surprised at the mention (frequently) of sustainability and environmental/climate issues."

— Summit Participant

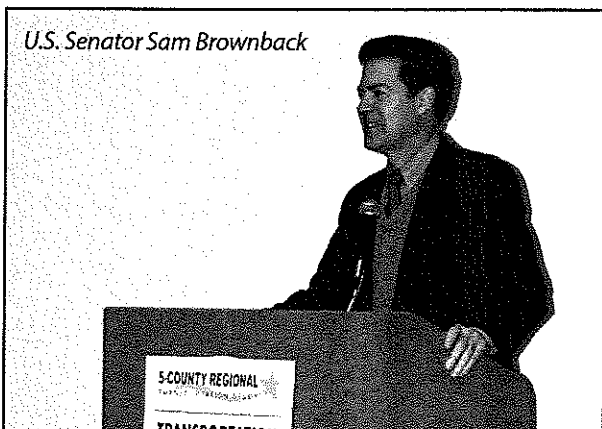
"Great to know of the support and awareness of public officials on all levels of government."

— Summit Participant

Summit Participants



U.S. Senator Sam Brownback



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Specialized Groups — Several groups are being convened to help ensure that study results include the collection of a wide variety of information as well as an understanding of diverse perspectives. These individuals are volunteering to serve as members of one of the following specialized groups.

Stakeholder Advisory Panel

- Steve Baru, Sierra Club
- Rich Caplan, K-10 Association/Caplan Associates
- Tom Cooley, Commissioner, Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS
- Chris Garcia, Mayor, City of Basehor
- Elaine Giessel, League of Women Voters
- Chris Gutierrez, President, KC SmartPort
- Lisa Harris, Lawrence-Douglas County Planning Commission/KU
- Steve Jack, Executive Director, Leavenworth County Development Corp.
- Greg Kaaz, President, Heavy Constructors Association
- Brent Miles, Wyandotte Economic Development Council
- Ron Norris, Director of Public Works, City of Lenexa and APWA Member
- Steve Petrehn, Mayor, City of Roeland Park
- George Pretz, Kansas Farm Bureau and Miami County Commission
- Kise Randall, Executive Director, Sunflower Redevelopment/Kessinger-Hunter
- Marge Vogt, Councilmember, City of Olathe
- Hannes Zacharias, Deputy County Manager, Johnson County

Mobility/Accessibility/Connectivity

Working Group

- Ron Achelpohl, Assistant Director of Transportation (Operation Greenlight), MARC
- Mac Andrew, Public Works Director, Johnson County
- Fred Backus, City Engineer, Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS
- Marcia Bernard, Transit Director, Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS
- Dick Jarrold, Senior Director, KCATA
- David Schwartz, Statewide Planning Engineer, KDOT
- Chuck Soules, Public Works Director, City of Lawrence
- Eric Struckhoff, City of Lawrence Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Mark Stuecheli, Transportation Planner, City of Overland Park
- Jay Wieland, City Manager, City of Paola
- Mike Yanez, City Administrator, City of Tonganoxie

This information can be made available in alternative accessible formats upon request. For information about obtaining an alternative format, contact the Bureau of Transportation Information, 700 SW Harrison St., 2nd Fl West, Topeka, KS 66603-3754 or phone 785-296-3585 (Voice) (TTY).

Land Use/Economic Development Working Group

- Alice Amrein, Transit Director, Johnson County
- Marcia Ashford, Economic Development Director, City of Bonner Springs
- Cheryl Beatty, City Administrator, City of Eudora
- Chris Dunn, Planning Director, City of Leavenworth
- Penny Evans, Public Works Director, Miami County
- David Gurs, Transportation and Land Use Planning Coordinator, KDOT
- Frank Lenk, Director of Research Services, MARC
- Scott McCullough, Planning Director, City of Lawrence/Douglas County
- Andrew Nave, Overland Park Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Council
- Dean Palos, Planning Director, Johnson County
- Phil Perry, Councilmember, City of Mission and Home Builders Association
- Lisa Pool, Land Use Planner, MARC
- Rob Richardson, Planning Director, Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS

Freight Movement Working Group

- Keith Browning, Public Works Director, Douglas County
- Cindy Cash, Executive Director, Kansas City, KS Chamber of Commerce
- William Crandall, President, The Allen Group
- David Dillner, City Administrator, City of Edgerton
- Darryl Fields, Planner III, MARC
- John Maddox, Rail/Freight Manager, KDOT
- J.R. McMahon, Director, Miami County Road and Bridge
- Lee Metcalfe, Executive Director, Johnson County Airport Commission
- Bob Patzwald, Deputy Public Works Director, City of Leavenworth
- Fred Sherman, Community Development Director, City of Gardner

Environment/Social Equity Working Group

- Laura Elkins, Leavenworth Council on Aging
- Tim Green, City Engineer, City of Lenexa
- Tom Jacobs, Environmental Services Director, MARC
- James Joerke, Sustainability Manager, Johnson County
- Rev. Bobby Love, Second Baptist Church of Olathe/MORE2
- Larry McElwain, ECO2 Commission
- Davonna Moore, Urban Planning Manager, KDOT
- Casey Toomay, Interim Transit Director, City of Lawrence
- Charlene Weiss, Environmental Officer, Miami County

**For more information visit the study web site at
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