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**KDOT traveler information services can help with holiday/winter travel plans**

The Kansas Department of Transportation would like to remind travelers to use the free traveler information services it provides to prepare for their holiday/winter travels.

- Visit **KanDrive**, [www.kandrive.org](http://www.kandrive.org), KDOT's traveler information gateway for Kansas and surrounding states, to get enhanced camera views. Camera snapshots of the roadway are updated every few minutes from closed-circuit cameras installed along I-70 and other highways. KDOT has recently installed eight new cameras on highways across the state at the following locations: Kanarado (I-70); Belleville (U.S. 81); McPherson (I-135); Beto Junction (I-35); Pittsburg (U.S. 69); Garden City (U.S. 50); Liberal (U.S. 54) and at the junction of U.S. 75 and County Road 150 north of Topeka.

In addition to the camera tour, KanDrive provides: an interactive map of Kansas roads, work zones and other events impacting traffic and surface-related road conditions; roadside message sign views (nine new signs have also been installed at/near the new camera locations listed above); and links to related helpful transportation resources, such as KC Scout, neighboring states' travel information, Kansas Turnpike information, Kansas Byways and more.

- The **511 Mobile** site at <http://511mm.ksdot.org> now provides map, camera and electronic message sign views, road conditions, work zone and event information and links to weather. All content is provided by six regions across the state and three metropolitan areas (Kansas City, Topeka and Wichita).

The site is accessible from multiple devices, including iPhones, Droids and Windows mobile devices, Version 6.0 and higher. Any devices not compatible

with the new application will be able to access text information only for road conditions and work zones.

- **511 Phone** - From any phone anytime, travelers may call 5-1-1 from anywhere in Kansas or 1-866-511-KDOT (5368) from anywhere in the U.S. to get route-specific road conditions, work zone information, including detours and closed roads, and travel-related weather information to plan their trips or for updates as they travel.

KDOT also reminds travelers to be prepared for driving this winter. Knowledge and preparation are essential to minimizing winter weather driving hazards.

In addition to being prepared by being informed about weather and road conditions, preparing your vehicle by winterizing and getting it tuned up before winter will minimize the possibility of a breakdown. In the event you are stranded during a storm, an emergency survival kit and supplies in your vehicle could mean the difference between life and death.

It's also important to remember safe winter driving skills such as reducing your speed for conditions and allowing extra time to travel. Turn off your cruise control. Increase the distance between your vehicle and the vehicle ahead of you. Accelerate and brake gently to reduce the chance of losing control of your vehicle. Don't follow snow removal equipment too closely.

Drivers should use basic safe driving habits at any time of the year – buckling up and safely securing children in safety seats, driving alert and sober, operating your vehicle at a safe and legal speed, and avoiding driver distractions such as talking or texting on your cell phone.

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