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Report details decade of transportation progress

It was a decade that began with the largest public works program in state history and ended with passage of an innovative follow-up program. In between, there was enough progress to make the case that 2001 to 2010 was the greatest decade ever for Kansas transportation.

The programs that were catalyst for the many achievements of the decade are detailed in the Kansas Department of Transportation report [*"2001-2010: A decade of projects, progress and engagement"*](#). The report was posted today on KDOT's website www.ksdot.org.

“The many accomplishments of the past 10 years were possible because of the leadership of Governors Bill Graves, Kathleen Sebelius and Mark Parkinson, the bipartisan commitment of the Legislature and the support of Kansans,” said Transportation Secretary Deb Miller.

The decade began as KDOT was embarking on the Comprehensive Transportation Program and ended with the May 2010 passage of the strategic program Transportation Works for Kansas (T-WORKS). In between were 5,700 road projects, 900

bridges replaced or repaired, more than 1,000 miles of rail track rehabilitated, new runways across the state and tens of thousands of jobs created or sustained.

“The support of the state’s leaders and dedication of KDOT workers helped us build a highway system ranked the nation’s best,” said Secretary Miller. “As a result, Kansas is well-positioned to seize the opportunities that will come with economic recovery.”

KDOT’s 2011 annual report is included in the decade report’s [appendix](#).

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(The cover of the report is attached. A link to the actual report is embedded in the release.)

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