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Camera images added to road condition Web site

Kansas travelers have a new way to see where they're going thanks to an enhancement of the Kansas Department of Transportation's road condition Web site.

Camera views of current conditions at eight locations on Kansas highways can now be viewed on the Road Conditions page at 511.ksdot.org. The Road Conditions page also can be accessed through the Travel and Traffic Info link on KDOT's home page – www.ksdot.org. The still images are refreshed every 15 minutes.

"The road views will give motorists an important piece of information for their travel plans before they get in their car or truck," said Secretary of Transportation Deb Miller.

"And the more information travelers have, especially in inclement weather, the better decisions they can make about when to leave and the route they choose."

The cameras are located at eight of KDOT's 42 road weather information sites. These particular sites were selected because they are located widely enough to show conditions across the state. Camera locations are:

- US-75 at Topeka
- I-70 at Junction City
- I-70 at Salina
- I-70 at Walker, nine miles east of Hays
- I-70 at Edson, nine miles east of Goodland
- K-39 at Chanute
- K-96 at Webb Road in Wichita
- US-50 at Garden City

To view the images, click on the camera link at the top of the “Road Conditions” Web page. Those using Internet Explorer as their browser can also access the images by clicking on the camera icons on the road condition map.

KDOT is planning enhancements to the system to make more functions available to a broader group of Internet users.

The eight camera views compose just the first phase of a program to post road images on the KDOT Web site. Twenty-five additional cameras will be installed along the I-70 corridor from the Missouri to Colorado borders. They are expected to be operational before the end of the year.

“We know travelers like to see road views on the Internet, and I’m pleased that we now have an additional tool with which to share information with the public,” said Secretary Miller.

Camera images of the major roads in the Kansas City metro area can be viewed on the Kansas City Scout Web site, www.kcscout.net.