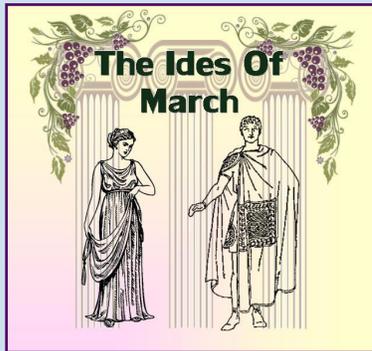


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## Members Warn Legislators of "The Ides of March" at This Years Reception

March 15th 2016 at 5:00 P.M. the Ides of March Legislative Reception was held at the Topeka Country Club. 25 members were in attendance to help talk about the big issue of TWORKS funding with Legislators over drinks and a delicious spread of Roman inspired treats. Legislators continued to show up to the event throughout the evening, and guests stayed well beyond the end of the event. As soon as we receive more feedback from members and Legislators regarding their conversations we will update everyone with the information. We appreciate all the members that were able to attend. Special Thanks to Central Plains Cement Co., Midwest Minerals, Inc. Harshman Construction L.L.C., Ash Grove Cement Co., Hamm Quarry, Inc., Alsop Sand Co., Buzzi Unicem, APAC, Midwest Concrete Materials, Inc., Associated Materials & Supply, and Monarch Cement Co. for sponsoring the Legislator Reception.

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Photos Clockwise: Woody Moses from KAPA-KRMCA with Rep. Barbara Bollier of Mission Hills. Dabe Barclay from Alsop Sand Co., Inc. shakes hands with Sen. Oletha Faust-Goudeau of Wichita. Jaime Hackmann from Hamm Quarry, Inc. enjoys conversation with Rep. John Bradford of Lansing. Rep. Connie O'Brien of Tonganoxie talks T-Works with Mike Shilling from Hartford Sand & Gravel



## From the Managing Director

We are now well into March and quite busy as we continue to pursue our program; which, at this time of the year, is focused on the Kansas legislative session. Among the more significant items was our recently concluded

on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 (see related article).

In addition to all of this we have been busy planning our Spring committee meetings leading of with the KAPA Research & Specifications and KRMCA Technical & Quality Control meeting this Thursday. We will also be participating with the Kansas Department of Transportation on the "Give Em" a Brake" program on April 13th. These events will be followed, in April, with KAPA-KRMCA Joint Safety & Environment Committee meeting and in May, the annual Transportation Construction Coalition Fly-In.

While the preservation of T-WORKS is our primary goal we have been busy in other areas as well, having converted our Facebook account from a personal to business page and making a greater effort to communicate with our membership via Facebook. We of course hope such efforts will serve to enhance the value of your membership. Please "Like" our page on Facebook to stay up to date on the latest & greatest happening at the Association.

"Ides of March" legislative reception quickly followed by our Annual Eat Concrete Day at the Capitol. We were delighted to host over 40 legislators at the event and took the time to discuss our favorite topic, T-WORKS, with them. Then, on Monday, we hit them again at Eat Concrete with our same message, preserve T-WORKS. While they were polite, sympathetic and listened; it is increasingly obviously that symphony is all we are going to get. This was underscored later that day when KDOT announced they were delaying \$50 million in projects scheduled for the April letting. In my estimation, we will be lucky to get out of the session without any further reductions. It is becoming increasingly more obvious that the only way we are going to get things changed is through active participation in the upcoming primaries

## Thank you to our Ides of March Legislative Reception Sponsors

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## Members and Lawmakers “Eat Concrete” to Support Transportation and Concrete Use In Kansas



Above from L to R: Eric Trytten, Ash Grove Cement Co., Rep Kent Thompson, Iola, and Todd LaTorella, Mo/Ks ACPA



Above: Sheridan's Frozen Custard “Eat Concrete” Serving Crew

On Monday, March 21st over 500 concretes were served at the Kansas Statehouse for one of the most popular events of the year, KRMCA's annual Legislative “Eat Concrete” Day. Industry partners and members handed out palm cards to legislators explaining how much T-WORKS and transportation funding really does play a vital role in the state's economy. Now is a critical time for us to communicate with all of our legislators as the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) faces \$750 Million in proposed cuts over the next two years. Transportation is a key component to the success of the state of Kansas. Like anything, there are limited resources, however transportation has a track record of providing a guaranteed return on investment such as improved public safety, economic impact, and jobs to the state and local economy. Each time the State transfers funds from KDOT's budget, it cost the industry projects, employment, taxes, and most of all safety.

A graphic titled "THE ROAD TO SUCCESS" with a yellow and blue color scheme. It features a map of Kansas in the background. The text includes "SAVE TWORKS • KANSAS • 2016", "IS WITH GOOD TRANSPORTATION" with an arrow pointing right, and a list of benefits: "Transportation Works For Kansas" followed by "• Jobs", "• Safety", "• Economic Development", and "• Education". At the bottom is a logo that says "SAVE KANSAS ROADS".

A special thank you goes out to our partnering associations, the Kansas Cement Council, MO/KS American Concrete Pavement Association, the Concrete Promotional Group of Greater Kansas City, Monarch Cement Company, and the South Central Cement Promotion Association for their assistance and participation with the event. We would also like to thank our members who traveled in to participate and promote the backbone of our industry, “Concrete.”



Over 500 Concretes were served on the 21st of March



Above L to R: Woody Moses, KAPA-KRMCA, Eric Trytten, Ash Grove Cement Co., Sen. Sam Brownback, and Tobb LaTorella, Mo/Ks ACPA

## 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 a new copy of the KAPA-KRMCA Annual Membership Directory.

A copy of your current listing has been mailed to you. If you have not yet received your copy, please contact the Association office and we will re-send the information. **All listings are due back by Friday, April 3.** 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/allresults>.

## Welcome Our Newest Members



Please join us in welcoming our two newest members. Dan Campbell joins us from Hoxie Concrete L.L.C. in Hoxie, Kansas. In Kansas City, Kansas we welcome Jim Hawk, David Hawk, and Al Weber from Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, Inc. We are glad to have these two companies join us and look forward to working with and getting to know them.

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## KAPA-KRMCA Safety & Environment Committee Meeting



Chair Tim Lohse has called a meeting of the KAPA-KRMCA Safety & Environment Committee to be held *tentatively* on **THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH AT 10 AM** at the Association Office, 800 SW Jackson Street, Suite 1408. It has been quite some time since this Committee has met, so we would like to have everybody who is currently on the Committee to attend. Of course any member is welcome to attend even if you are not on the

Committee. Items up for discussion will include the Morgison Safety Program, Updates from the Mine, Safety & Health Administration (MSHA) and updating the KAPA-KRMCA Regulatory Guide. You may RSVP to attend this meeting by going online to our website at [www.kapa-krmca.org](http://www.kapa-krmca.org).

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## KDOT Delays Bids On A Dozen April Road Resurfacing Projects

Story By: Sam Zeff [www.kcur.org](http://www.kcur.org)

Road contractors in Kansas are worried about their future business after the state Department of Transportation announced it was delaying the bids on some April resurfacing projects.

Kansas Contractors Association Vice President Bob Totten says some of his members began to hear about the delays on Monday from KDOT officials. While the projects don't officially go out for bid until next month, contractors typically hear about the projects 45 days before bidding to help them craft the bid or even decide if they want to bid on the project, says Totten.

Totten says his members are "disappointed" and worried "the work will disappear."

In the last several years the state has swept a billion dollars from KDOT to help balance the state budget. The agency has already delayed preservation projects, but it shifted \$50 million from the 2017 fiscal year to this year to make sure contractors had work this spring.

But KDOT now says it is delaying the bids of 13 projects around the state, none in northeast Kansas, until after a new consensus revenue estimate next month. "We're simply delaying the projects to May," says KDOT spokesman Steve Schwartz. But he admits a particularly poor revenue estimate could push the 13 projects into the fall or beyond.

Many top officials expect the estimate that comes out April 20 to show tax revenue in Kansas continuing to fall short of expectations.

Budget Director Shawn Sullivan said on KCUR's political podcast Statehouse Blend that he expects tax revenue to be revised downward. "We're continuing to see our sales tax come in \$5 to \$15 million less than what we had projected per month and I think that's going to continue," said Sullivan. "Really the wild card at this point is our income tax."

That opinion was echoed by state Rep. Ron Ryckman, Jr. who is chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. "I agree the estimates will be reduced from where they are currently," Ryckman said on this week's Statehouse Blend.

KDOT says that major projects around the state, including the big project in Johnson County where I-435, I-35 and K-10 all come together and the south Lawrence Traffic Way are moving forward without delay.

For more information visit KDOT Office of Public Affairs at (785) 296-3585 or KDOT's website at [www.ksdot.org](http://www.ksdot.org).

The logo for "Count on Concrete" features the text "Count on Concrete" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The word "Concrete" is partially overlaid by a white diagonal shape that cuts across the bottom right corner of the text. The background of the logo is a solid dark red color.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MARCH

23rd-KDOT Bid Letting  
Topeka, KS

30th- Kansas Contractors Association Spring Fling

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

13th- KDOT Give 'Em A Brake, Topeka, 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

## MAY

10-11th- Tee Fly-In, Washington, Dc

25th- KDOT Bid Letting

### 2016 KDOT Highway Letting Dates

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

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## 2016 Primary Very Important for T-Works

Story by: Kansas Contractors Association

We have all seen what can happen when people are elected that don't value infrastructure. So pay attention this bridges, are coming year to see how your legislator votes. If he or she votes against funding infrastructure, contact them and find out why. When 2016 elections roll around Tuesday Aug. 2, 2016, vote for the candidate that will support funding transportation. In the meantime, if you want to contact them now, you can reach them at 1-800-423-3924. You can also write them by finding their e-mail address at: [www.kslegislature.org](http://www.kslegislature.org). Speak to them at their legislative coffees when they are at home. Encourage your employees, friends and family to contact their legislators about this important subject.

The American Road and Transportation Builders Association recently released its third-annual bridge report, which ranks Kansas as the sixth worst state in the nation for its structurally deficient bridges. In the past two years, Kansas was ranked seventh in the ARTBA report. According to the latest report, out of bridges, the state's 25,047 bridges, 9.2%, or 2,303 bridges, are considered deficient and need to be rebuilt. The fact that Kansas' bridges are deteriorating, not improving, and that our state is rising on this list is an overall reflection of the severity of our transportation situation.

Over the past six years, more than \$21 billion has been diverted from T-Works. T-Works was to devote \$15 billion in transportation preservation over a 10-year period. But instead of maintaining 1,200 miles of roads this year the state will only be able to address 200 miles. And because of funds being taken from the T-Works program, KDOT will be able to fix only about 58 bridges compared with the normal amount of 115 each year.

As you can plainly see, the diversion of a million dollars a day from the transportation fund is having effect on the road system in Kansas.

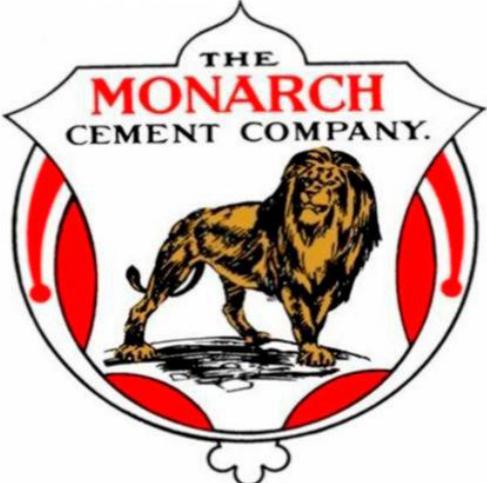
If state leaders continue to siphon money from the roads program, our roads and bridges will continue to deteriorate and won't be as safe as they were just four years ago. The ARTBA report is proof.

While having safe roads and bridges in our state is obviously our main concern, it isn't the only focus. A better-funded road program would have seen T-Works create more than 175,000 jobs, which would give Kansas' economy a much-needed boost. Instead, highway projects are moving to sister states such as Arkansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma, along with our jobs.

State leaders need to realize a tax break will never fill a pothole, fix a bridge or employ a Kansan. This situation will not go away by itself. Kansas citizen need to unite and let our state leaders know we've had enough of underfunding roads and bridges. It is imperative we work together to contact our legislators now, not only for the sake of safer roads and bridges today, but also for a more prosperous and economically successful Kansas tomorrow.



*Pictured above: Willard Bridge, located north of Willard, Kansas on Carlson Road.*



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#### 2nd Quarter Meeting

May 19, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. *tentative*

Location TBA

#### 3rd Quarter Meeting

July 19, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. *tentative*

Location TBA

#### 4th Quarter Meeting

November 10, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. *tentative*

Location TBA

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