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KDOT to go live on regional truck parking management system

Topeka - The Kansas Department of Transportation will cut the ribbon January 4 at 9:00 a.m. on the westbound side of the Paxico rest area to officially begin operating a multi-state system to improve truck parking.

The Truck Parking Information Management System (TPIMS) project ties eight mid-America states together to provide commercial truck drivers with reliable, real-time information to make smarter and more efficient truck parking decisions along commercial truck corridors through a combination of computer-monitored truck parking areas, dynamic message signs and web and mobile applications.

KDOT's Bureau of Transportation Planning was the lead agency for the regional project, and the ribbon cutting officially deploys the system regionally.

"This project is one of the biggest steps forward in improving efficiency and safety for our commercial truckers," said Davonna Moore, KDOT transportation planner and TPIMS regional project leader. "More efficient movement of goods, reduced fuel costs and safer parking benefits markets globally."

The project is part of a coordinated effort with the Mid-America Association of State Transportation Officials (MAASTO), the trucking industry, and the transportation departments of Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin. Other states are expected to join the system in the near future.

The system is funded through a \$25 million federal grant and each participating state contributed additional funds for the project. The system will use existing intelligent transportation systems (ITS) infrastructure and capabilities, along with emerging vehicle detection and data collection technologies, to monitor the availability of truck parking. It

will then provide real-time information through multiple platforms to commercial vehicle operators for over 150 parking sites across the MAASTO region.

More information about TPIMS is available at

https://www.ksdot.org/Assets/wwwksdotorg/bureaus/burRail/Rail/Documents/TPIMS_Summary.pdf

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