Low Cost Roadway Cameras in Kansas

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Why Roadway Cameras?

 Inspired by Aurora Program pooled fund project 2012-03 "Cameras and Operational Impact of Remote Road Condition Monitoring."

www.aurora-program.org

- Save DOT resources by reducing "expedition trips" in snow and ice
- Provide better information to maintenance managers/decision-makers
- Provide better information to travelers

Why Low Cost?

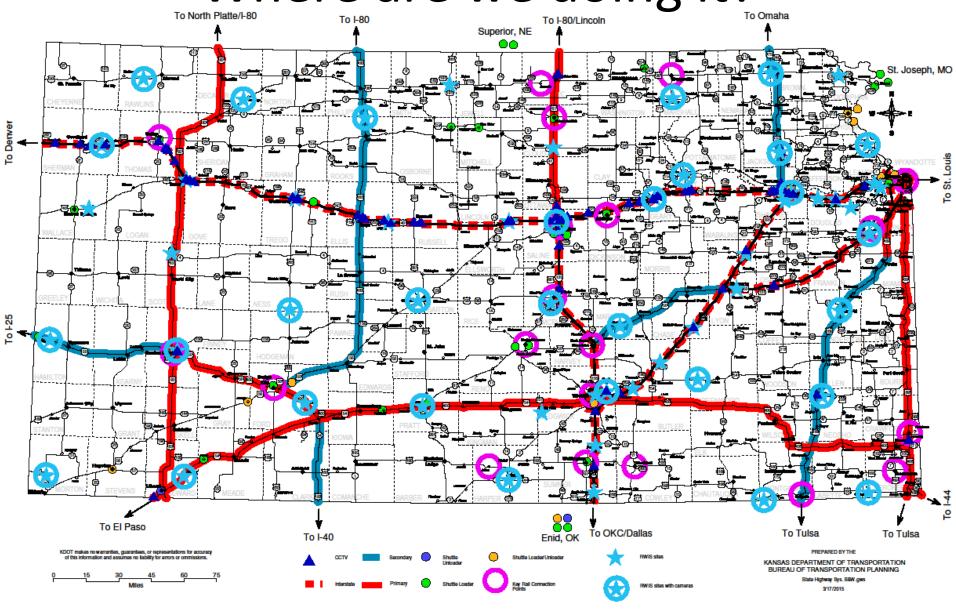
- Over 2.1 billion reasons per Kansas Economic Lifelines: www.economiclifelines.com
- T-Works program passed in 2010
- Transfers from State Highway Fund made by every legislative session since passage
- KDOT ITS programs and operating programs are all experiencing reduced resources
- Only way to get rural cameras Low Cost from district maintenance operating budget

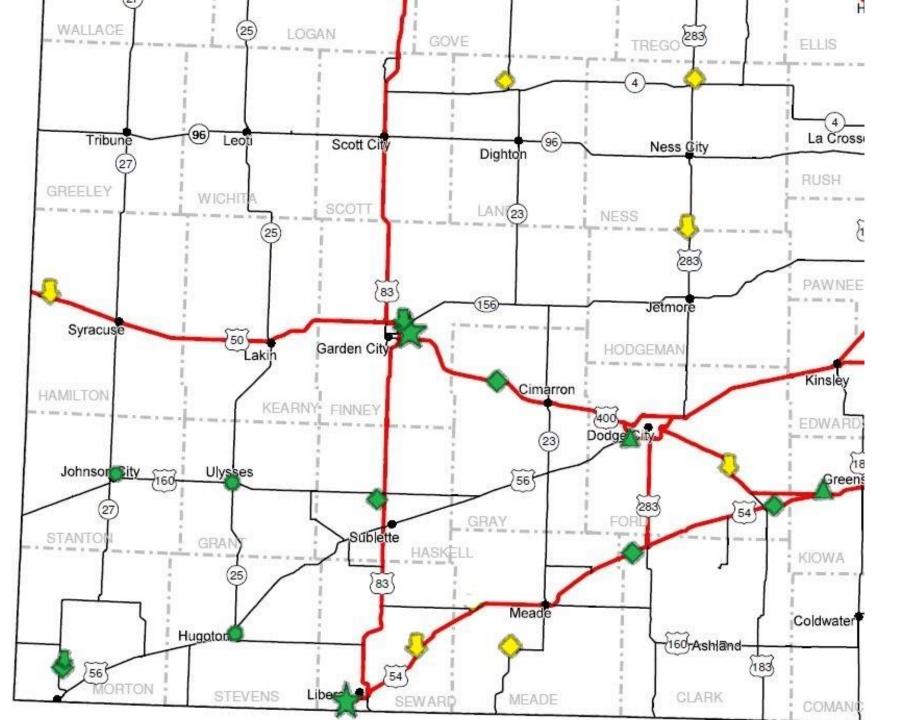


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- Locations where we get decision information
- Location characteristics:
 - Multiple crew turn around points, e.g. remote salt bunkers, intersections with beacons (power), RWIS sites
 - Existing power
 - Close to existing internet access is desirable
 - Traffic volume/freight routes
 - Informed decision not to send a truck



What are we doing?

Installing simple outdoor security cameras



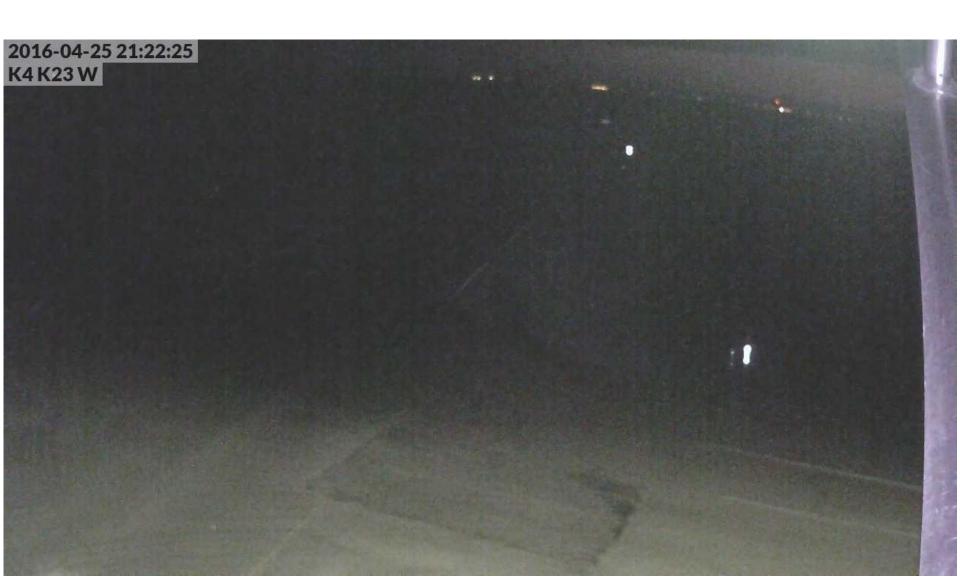
- Ubiquiti UniFi UVC camera (\$133)
- 720p HD, Power over Ethernet



What you see, daytime



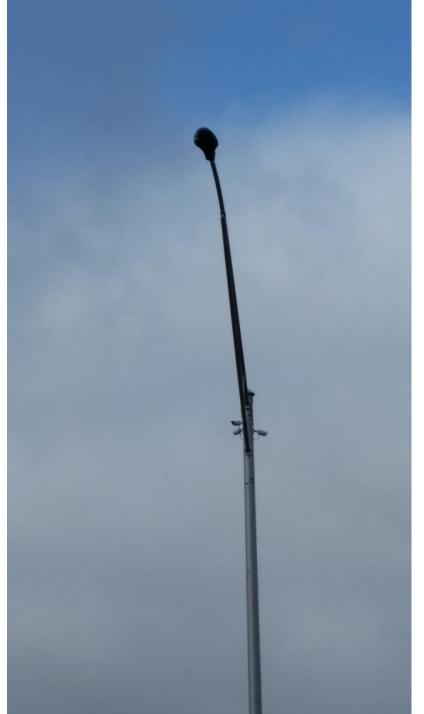
Night view



Snow storm









An Area Engineer Selfie







3 locations use this one





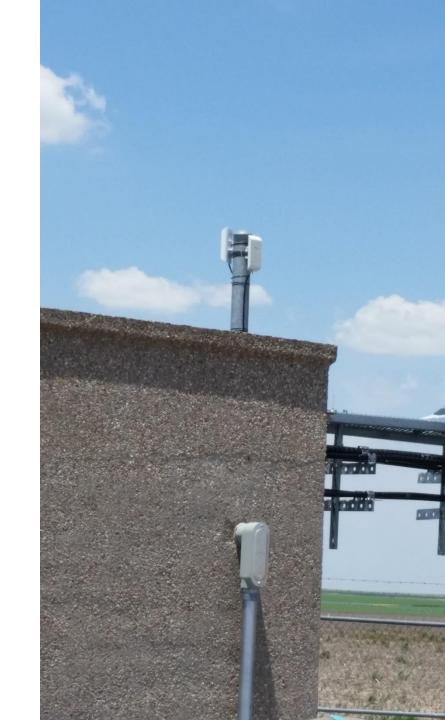
Bad blowing/drifting spot



West view same pole









Why multiple cameras?

3 Miles West of Ingalls 02/04/2015 08:17:33

Bad morning for cameras Freezing fog

DAILY HISTOR	HOURLY I	HISTORY				
KS FORD, US 400/AR RIVER K5FRD (541003) (K5FRD) for February 4, 2015						
Hour	Temperature (°F)	Dew Point (°F)	Relative Humidity (%)	Precipitation (in.)	Wind (mph)	Conditions
12:00 AM CST	37.9	32.0	79	-	SSW at 7	Clear
1:00 AM CST	36.0	32.0	85	-	SSW at 9	Clear
2:00 AM CST	34.0	30.0	85	-	SSW at 3	Clear
3:00 AM CST	32.0	30.9	96	-	SSW at 7	Clear
4:00 AM CST	32.0	28.9	89	-	SSW at 5	Clear
5:00 AM CST	33.1	28.9	85	-	SSW at 6	Clear
6:00 AM CST	33.1	30.0	89	-	N at 6	Clear
7:00 AM CST	32.0	27.0	82	-	NNE at 17 G 29	Clear
8:00 AM CST	27.0	25.2	92	-	NNE at 21 G 33	Cloudy
9:00 AM CST	25.0	23.0	92	-	NNE at 36 G 54	Cloudy
10:00 AM CST	24.1	21.9	92	-	NNE at 25 G 40	Snow
11:00 AM CST	24.1	21.0	88	-	NNE at 24 G 39	Snow
12:00 PM CST	23.0	19.9	88	-	NE at 23 G 38	Snow
1:00 PM CST	21.9	19.0	88	-	NNE at 22 G 37	Cloudy

Freezing fog

US-50 and Spruce at Garden City MP 71

Aargh!

Bucklin Looking East

02/04/2015 08:18:43

There's a roadway!





















































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