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Richard McReynolds Retires after 39 Years

After nearly four decades with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), Dick McReynolds, Engineer of Research, retired in June 2009. Dick began with the KDOT in February 1970 as an EIT and moved to various positions with the Bureau of Materials and Research. He was promoted to Engineer of Research in 1988 and continued in that capacity until his retirement.

During his tenure as Engineer of Research, Dick was involved in the development of many programs within KDOT’s Bureau of Materials and Research:

One program Dick oversaw was the development of the Kansas Transportation Research and New-Development (K-TRAN) program. Since its inception, 279 projects have been awarded to Kansas State University and the University of Kansas. Of those, 232 have been completed with reports published.

During his career, Dick has been a member of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Library and Information Science for Transportation Committee, a member of the National Cooperative Highway Research Program Project Panel on Performance Measurement Tool Box and Reporting System for Research Programs and Projects, and has served on the TRB’s Subcommittee on Research, RAC, Mid America Transportation Center and on the Kansas State UTC Advisory Committee. Thank you Dick for your 40 years of service to the transportation profession.

Joey Holste Named K-State UTC Student of the Year

Joey was born in Atwood, Kansas and grew up on a farm near Ludell, Kansas. He graduated with a B.S.C.E. in Civil Engineering from Kansas State University in May 2008 and has been working on his master’s degree in the structures area for the past 1½ years. His research has involved the evaluation of lightweight concrete for use in Kansas prestressed concrete bridge girders. As a graduate student, Joey has been directly involved in the technology transfer from the K-State laboratory to the prestressing plant in Newton, Kansas. He has been instrumental in establishing new batching procedures and working directly with the Newton plant personnel in order to implement this technology. His specific work has focused on the determination of transfer-lengths and long-term losses (creep and shrinkage) that are vital to the successful implementation of this technology in Kansas bridges. The title of Joey’s thesis is “Evaluating the Time-Dependent and Bond Characteristics of a Lightweight Concrete Mix for Kansas Prestressed Concrete Bridges.”