

WHY SHOULD I WORRY ABOUT ACCESS?

To ensure the safe and efficient movement of traffic on Kansas highways, approval from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is required before a driveway may be constructed or any work can be performed on highway right of way. This is true for rural as well as city locations.

Reasonable access to the state highway system is a right of adjacent property owners. However, reasonable access does not necessarily mean direct access nor does it necessarily mean sole use access. Shared access with neighboring properties or access via another public road may constitute reasonable access. Issues such as access control, sight distance, spacing, and land use as well as other considerations must be factored into the determination of what is reasonable access.

It is very important to manage driveway placement. Under state law (K.S.A. 68-423 and 68-423a among others) the Kansas Secretary of Transportation has a duty to protect the public investment in transportation by managing access, requiring permits, and establishing protection procedures. Further, by coordinating land development and transportation, landowners are in a position to take advantage of the state highway system. Poor coordination of development, access, and transportation leads to increased levels of congestion and collisions. Planning ahead is in everyone's best interest because it decreases damage to property and the environment.

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT?

1. Protect the public investment in Kansas highways.
2. Support overall economic development.
3. Safeguard the environment.
4. Balance the needs of a statewide public highway system with the interests of property owners.

DO YOU HAVE SPECIAL COMMERCIAL/ INDUSTRIAL ACCESS NEEDS?

Developments that attract 50 or more vehicles in the peak hour will require special consideration for driveway geometry such as turn lanes, compound curves, channelized medians, etc. A preliminary plan must be submitted along with the supplemental form for commercial/industrial driveways. A traffic impact analysis study may also be required. If you have a special access need, please notify your KDOT area office.



WHAT IS REQUIRED TO BUILD A DRIVEWAY?

1. Contact the nearest KDOT area office to obtain a permit form.
2. Fill out the permit form.
3. Submit the permit form along with five copies of scaled drawings with design details (six copies for commercial/industrial driveways).
4. The proposed site will be inspected by KDOT personnel.
5. The permit form and drawings will be forwarded to the appropriate district office for review by the District Engineer. The District Engineer has the authority to approve or deny the application.

(There is no charge to process or issue a Highway Permit.)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

The nearest KDOT area office (listing of area offices by district with phone numbers);

DISTRICT ONE

Horton office, (785) 486-2142
Osage City office, (785) 528-3128
Kansas City office, (913) 299-3596
Topeka office, (785) 296-2291
Wamego office, (785) 456-2353
Olathe office, (913) 764-4525

DISTRICT TWO

Clay Center office, (785) 632-3108
Mankato office, (785) 378-3166
Marion office, (316) 382-3717
Ellsworth office, (785) 472-4447

DISTRICT THREE

Phillipsburg office, (785) 543-2163
Atwood office, (785) 626-3258
Hays office, (785) 625-9718
Oakley office, (785) 672-3113

DISTRICT FOUR

Iola office, (316) 365-2161
Garnett office, (913) 448-5446
Independence office, (316) 331-3760
Pittsburg office, (316) 231-7560

DISTRICT FIVE

Pratt office,
(316) 672-7494
El Dorado office,
(316) 321-3370
Winfield office,
(316) 221-3370
Great Bend office,
(316) 793-5408
Wichita office,
(316) 744-1271

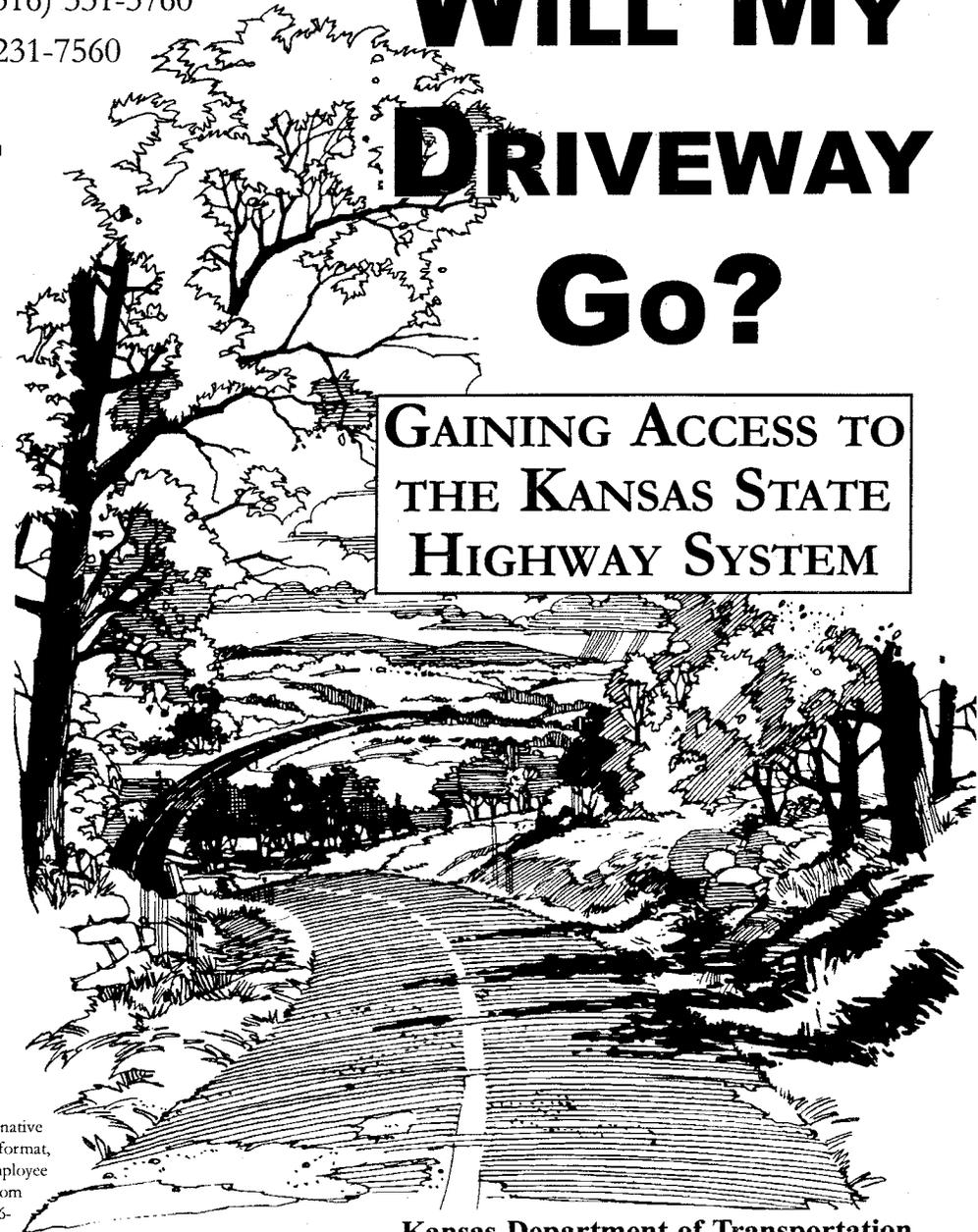
DISTRICT SIX

Syracuse office,
(316) 384-7821
Ulysses office,
(316) 356-1531
Dodge City office,
(316) 227-6122

Note: This information is available in alternative accessible formats. To obtain an alternative format, contact the KDOT Office of Public and Employee Information, Docking State Office Building, Room 754, Topeka, Ks., 66612-1568, or phone (785) 296-3585 (Voice/TTY).

WHERE Will My DRIVEWAY Go?

**GAINING ACCESS TO
THE KANSAS STATE
HIGHWAY SYSTEM**



Kansas Department of Transportation