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ITS Heartland Corridor Coalition

Two projects approved by MCOMPII

The ITS Heartland Corridor Coalition has been awarded an \$800,000 grant by the U.S. DOT as part of the Multi State Corridor Operations and Management Program.

The grant will be used by the ITS Heartland Corridor Coalition to fund projects related to providing real-time data on rural freeways and the development of a regional ATIS data collection and distribution system. The ITS Heartland Corridor Coalition is a cooperative coalition of five states (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma) and the ITS Heartland Chapter of ITS America.

"We consider the ITS Heartland five-state region to be the crossroads of the nation with respect to the movement of people and commercial goods throughout the country," said Sarah Tracy, ITS Engineer at the Nebraska Department of Roads and President of ITS Heartland. "This grant will help us to make that movement safer and more efficient for all."

The ITS Heartland Corridor Coalition is expected to



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ITS Heartland
Webinar

Tools of Winter & Emergency Operations

November 19
11 am - 12:30 pm

Transportation Research
Board
Webinar

State of the Art Use of Probe Vehicle Data

release RFPs for the anticipated work within the next few months.

State Updates

News for ITS Heartland member states

Iowa

- To help truck drivers identify overnight parking availability, the Iowa DOT has added cameras to their rest areas and truck parking areas along I-35 through Iowa, from Missouri to Minnesota. One or two cameras at each location use cellular modems to connect to central servers. See the periodic snapshots of key parking areas at [Iowa's 511 website](#) or their mobile app. Preliminary plans include addition of cameras at rest areas along I-80, I-29 and I-380.

Kansas

- Ray Murphy, FHWA, recently met with a KDOT team to assess Kansas' readiness for the Real Time System Management Information Program #Real Time Rule 1201 – 23 CFR Part 511#. Interstate requirements of the rule are required by November 8, 2014, with Metro Routes of Significance required by November 8, 2016 for Kansas City, St. Louis and Oklahoma City.
- SHRP2 Traffic Incident Management Train the Trainer was presented in Topeka #August# and in Wichita #October# with about 85 participants at each location. The Wichita Fire Department was quick to embrace the training and will present the 4-hour version to all of their field staff #over 400 firefighters# by December 12.
- A mobile-ready website will be launched soon for WICHway, Wichita's ITS program.

Nebraska

- Recently developed an open source automated gate prototype that is fully functional. If other states want more information, please contact us.
- The I-80 Rest Area Kiosk project was recently let. It will deploy kiosks and small message boards in 12 rest area location.
- A statewide ATIS mobile app as well as upgrades to our current website are in the works.

Operations

December 9

1 - 2:30 pm

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August 24 - 27,
2014

ITS in the Heartland
2014 National Rural ITS Conference
Plus
ITS Heartland Annual Meeting

Branson, MO

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- A 511 RFP will be released in early 2014.



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