

## KDOT Project in the Running for National Award

I have good news to share and I want to tell you how you can help make it even better.

We just received word that the practical design project on K-23 in Gove County has been named one of 10 national finalists in AASHTO's America's Transportation Award competition. In July, we learned the project had been selected as a regional finalist at the Mid-America Association of State Transportation Officials meeting in Cincinnati, winning the innovative management category. We thought that was pretty good so we were ecstatic to hear that the project has moved on to the final, national competition.

That's the good news but it can get even better with your help. The project is now in the running for two awards. The first is the Grand National Award, which will be selected by a panel of judges.

The second award is The People's Choice Award, which, as the name suggests, will be decided by popular vote. You can cast your vote and find out more about the K-23 project by visiting the KDOT website at [www.ksdot.org](http://www.ksdot.org) and clicking on America's Transportation Award at the top of the page. You're not limited to voting once, so save the link and vote daily.

Both awards carry a \$10,000 prize that can be used by the winning state for an education grant in the transportation field or to support a community project or charity.

This is the third time in the four-year history of America's Transportation Award that Kansas has had a top 10 finalist. While we have done well in the past in voting for The People's Choice Award, we've never won. So, please, vote early and often. Ask your family and friends to vote and encourage them to tell others. If you belong to an organization and think it would be appropriate, send the link to them.

Thank you for your help as this will be a wonderful way to showcase Kansas transportation.