

NACE ANNUAL STATE REPORT

State Association Name: Kansas County Highway Association (KCHA) For year of 2020

Number of Counties: 62 Counties Number of State Assoc. Members: 278 members

Number NACE Members: 35 Counties

State Annual Meeting/Conferences held at: Virtual

On dates: November 15, 2020

Notable achievements of State Association and/or Individual members:

1. KCHA Officers for 2019-2020: Jeff Beyer (President), Randy Blehm (President Elect), Andy Asch (Sec.-Tres.)
2. Justin Mader was elected NACE State Director
3. Wayne Blackburn was elected KAC Representative

Important Events in which State Association participated during year:

1. The Spring Conference was converted to a virtual business meeting and held on May 29, 2020
2. KCHA participated in filling the Local Road Engineer position within the Kansas Association of Counties.
3. A few Kansas counties began a Road Data Pilot Project. The intent of the project is to develop a simple pavement management and rating system that will be provided to the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Issues and topics of particular importance for which action and efforts of State Association were directed during the year:

State Issues:

1. KCHA provided comments to the Kansas Department of Transportation in order to develop a standard agreement form between the State and Counties regarding maintenance responsibilities around State owned interchanges and intersections.
2. KCHA gave testimony, in support of, the new State Transportation Program called IKE Transportation Bill.

National Issues:

1. Concern that the 11th Edition to the MUTCD will require 6" wide pavement markings. We fear that if the requirement for wider pavement markings is enacted, there will be counties that elect to not have pavement markings at all on roads for which they are absolutely not required by the MUTCD. Pavement markings provide positive guidance to road users. Not having pavement markings significantly reduces road safety.

Ideas/concerns to share with other NACE Members:

1. None.

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Note: Expand written report if desired; please keep oral report at conference to a minimum.

Thanks, NACE Executive Committee