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Director of Engineering receives statewide recognition

WICHITA, Kan.— David Jacobson, Kansas Turnpike Authority’s Director of Engineering, has been named the 2019 Engineer of the Year by the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers. This award recognizes an engineer’s outstanding contributions to their profession and community.

Jacobson was selected for the award based on his work leading KTA’s decade-long improvement plan focused on modernizing and preserving the system, while enhancing safety, efficiency and the customer travel experience.

“I’m truly very honored by this recognition,” said Jacobson. “Over the years I’ve had the pleasure of working with many internal and external partners. This award is due to them and the great relationships we’ve developed.”

KTA modernization and preservation efforts, led by Jacobson, include highway speed electronic lanes, increased vertical bridge clearance, bridge rehabilitation and various guardrail improvements.

“Our organization has greatly benefited from David’s leadership and engineering expertise,” said Steve Hewitt, KTA’s Chief Executive Officer. “He stands at the helm of our modernization efforts and is instrumental in our work to transform tolling in Kansas.”

At KTA, Jacobson leads a team of office and field personnel and other professional engineers. Within Kansas, Jacobson has held and continues to hold multiple leadership roles, including Board Secretary of the Engineers’ Foundation of Kansas.

Jacobson was honored at the 2019 KSPE Annual Conference earlier this month.

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About KTA:

For more than 60 years, the Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) maintains 236 miles of user-fee supported roadway from the Oklahoma border to Kansas City. KTA doesn’t receive state or federal tax funds. Instead, toll revenue pays for preservation and modernization of the Turnpike system. With the [current long-term plan](#), KTA has outlined 44 projects to enhance safety and the customer experience over the next decade. KTA’s mission is to move Kansas forward by operating a safe, reliable and customer-valued turnpike system in a fiscally responsible, businesslike manner.

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