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Mission motorcycle test course reopens

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TOPEKA – Motorcycle skills testing has resumed at our Mission driver licensing office. A sinkhole that appeared during the weekend of June 15-17 destroyed most of the Mission motorcycle skills test course.

The course has been replaced and testing is once again available at the 6507 Johnson Drive office.

Customers can get in line either from their home computer or cellphone using the QLess system for state offices in Manhattan, Mission, Olathe, Topeka, Wichita and Andover.

To sign in online visit: http://www.ksrevenue.org/qless.html, to sign in using your cell phone, text the name of the office you will be going to with "DL" after the city and the if you need a new license or are renewing (for example Wichita DL Renewal or Mission DL Original) to 626-609-1234. The phone number accepts only text messages.

Customers are then placed in the line and will receive updates by text messages as their turn approaches. The time displayed is not an appointment, but an estimate of how long before a customer will reach the front of the line. It is not necessary to wait in the office during that time, customers can stay at work or run errands instead of waiting in the office.

For a list of driver's license stations throughout the state visit: http://www.ksrevenue.org/dmvstations.html.

May through September is the busiest time of year for the driver licensing offices. Here are some tips to help make the process go a little bit quicker and smoother:

- Avoid the driver licensing offices Tuesday and Friday, those are typically the busiest times, although early in the morning is your best option
- Try to visit between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday and Thursday
- If you need to simply renew or replace a driver's license or ID card, visit an office in a smaller neighboring city or county where the lines are typically shorter
- If you are applying for a driver's education permit, be sure to have the right documents including the pink permit form, birth certificate and proof of a Social Security number
- Some services, such as changing your address or purchasing motor vehicle records do not require a trip to the office but can be done online at ksrevenue.org