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TradeWind Energy delivered two new school buses to Waller School District last Thursday after company officials learned the two school district was experiencing transportation troubles. There is more from the story inside.

Officials seek comment on KDOT plan

TOPEKA (AP) — The Kansas Department of Transportation is soliciting comments on proposed changes in projects it already has scheduled through June 2014.

KDOT says it will take comments through Jan. 8. People interested in commenting should contact the agency's Bureau of Program and Project Management in Topeka.

The agency is required to have a transportation program posted on the department's website.

Proposed changes: http://www.ksdot.org/publications.asp

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Developer donates 2 school buses to Oklahoma district

SHULER, Okla. (AP) — The developer of a new wind farm in Osage County has donated two new school buses to a rural school district.

TradeWind Energy delivered the new buses last week to Shuler Public Schools. The company's chief executive officer attended a Shuler school board meeting to share details of the planned Blazing Star wind project in Osage County.

But once there, the employees heard about the district's aging bus fleet and the continuous of maintaining the vehicles. The Aluminum Extrusion Plant in Shuler. The Aluminum Extrusion that the company has committed to paying all costs associated with delivering the two buses to Shuler district for three years.

Kansas-based TradeWind is in the process of developing a 124-megawatt wind project in central Osage County near Pawhuska.

This photo provided courtesy of Eric Townsend shows a deer that was startled to the ground after walking into a sporting goods store, Thursday in Reading, Pa. Store manager Brad Meyer said the deer walked through the front door and bolted it to the ground, presenting no injuries to customers or damage to the store. The store called the Pennsylvania Game Commission, which arrived and removed the deer. There's no word on where the deer was released. AP photo by Townsend.

Augusta, Me., man's toilet protest expands

David Labbe has erected a makeshift outhouse on the lawn of his property home to protest Augusta City Council's decision to reject a zoning change that would have allowed Bernie Dennis' developer to build a convenience store on Labbe's home.

Saturday Journal photo/Joy Hall

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — A toilet protest by an Augusta man angered by the city's decision to block a proposed store has grown, according to his neighborhood is growing.

David Labbe, a plumber, put the outhouse on the lawn of his home after the city planning board, backed by his neighbors, rejected a zoning change that would have allowed Dunkin' Donuts plans to go forward.

The developer was prepared to build a convenience store on Labbe's property but Labbe's home so they could knock it down and build the coffee shop.

The Kennebec Journal reports that Labbe's outhouse has room for 20 more covered toilets. The store he thinks he can fit 20 toilets in the yard. His neighbors call his protest childish.

Father, son found dead in underwater cave

Deputies say Sherry Sheffield, left, and his 15-year-old son, Tory Sanchez, were taking a diving equipment they received as Christmas presents. Family photo

Deer makes appearance at Pa. sporting goods store

READING, Pa. (AP) — Shoppers looking for purchases at a Pennsylvania sporting goods store got a surprise Thursday when a deer walked through the front door of a Dicks Sporting Goods store in Reading on Thursday afternoon.

Store manager Brad Meyer says the deer slipped on the floor and a customer nudged it to the ground, preventing any injuries to customers or damage to the store. The store called the Pennsylvania Game Commission, which arrived and removed the deer. There's no word on where the deer was released.

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