Kansas was one of only 11 states to improve in all seven measures of highway conditions between 1989 and 2008. It improved road conditions among rural interstates, urban interstates and rural arterials. It also lowered congestion, the quantity of deficient bridges and the fatality rate, while reducing the amount of narrow lanes on rural primary roads.

The state was particularly successful in taking care of its roads. By 2008, it had fixed all of its rural interstate, urban interstate and rural arterial roads in poor condition. The state also fixed many of its deficient bridges, with a drop of 19.2 percentage points in the time period. Kansas was one of the most successful states in the country in terms of its highway infrastructure.

Category .................................................. Rank Showing Most Improvement 1989–2008
Overall Performance and Spending Efficiency ................................................................. 8
State-Administered Highway Mileage (ranked largest to smallest based on system size in 2008) .................. 27
Rural Interstate in Poor Condition ............................................................................. 17
Rural Arterials in Poor Condition ........................................................................... 20
Rural Arterials with Narrow Lanes .......................................................................... 8
Urban Interstates in Poor Condition ..................................................................... 11
Urban Interstate Congestion ..................................................................................... 25
Deficient Bridges ...................................................................................................... 15
Fatality Rate .............................................................................................................. 42
Total Disbursements Per Mile (1=biggest spending increase, 50=biggest spending decrease) ...... 16