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KDOT to hold public transit workshops

The Kansas Department of Transportation will host public transit workshops in Dodge City, Hays, Salina and Topeka from Sept. 27 to 29th.

These workshops are intended to educate existing providers and any agencies interested in applying for funding about what programs the KDOT Office of Public Transportation offers.

"This is an opportunity for our existing transit providers to receive updates on our application process and to continue the discussion on how we continue to improve our transit network statewide," said Cory Davis, KDOT Comprehensive Transportation Planning Manager. "It also provides an opportunity for agencies or local governments that could benefit from our transit programs to learn how to get a service started and understand which program fits for them."

The following are the topics and schedule of the workshops: Funding Opportunities and Program Expectations, 5310 – Elderly and Disabled , 5311/5339 – Rural General Public, State Funding – Regional Business Model, BlackCat Application Process and the KDOT Review Process.

Sept. 27th 1-3 p.m., Dodge City Sante Fe Depot 101 E. Wyatt Earp Dodge City, KS

Sept. 28th 2-4 p.m., Salina OCCK Sept. 28th 9-11 a.m., Hays KDOT Area Office 1811 W. Frontier Rd. Hays, KS

Sept. 29th 1-3 p.m., Topeka Eisenhower Office Building 340 N. Sante Fe Salina, KS 700 S.W. Harrison Topeka, KS

If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Mike Spadafore (<u>mspadafore@ksdot.org</u>) indicating which local meeting you will attend. If you are unable to attend there will be a webinar in the weeks to follow (date and time to be determined.) It will be posted on the KDOT Public Transportation website:

http://www.ksdot.org/burTransPlan/pubtrans/index.asp

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