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## **KDOT hosts Transit Day March 8 at the Capitol**

The Kansas Department of Transportation and the Kansas Public Transit
Association invite you to attend Transit Day at the Statehouse in Topeka from 8 a.m. to
noon on Wednesday, March 8.

"This event, in its second year, will highlight the work that more than 150 different agencies from across the state do to provide reliable, clean and useful transit and paratransit services to the people of Kansas," said Transportation Secretary Richard Carlson. "Come meet the people who make our programs successful by transporting Kansans to where they live, work, learn, heal and play every day."

Legislators and other attendees are invited to meet the state's service providers, tour new transit and paratransit vehicles and learn about new technologies being used in Kansas.

The event will take place in the rotunda of the Capitol, with display tables located on the first floor and vehicles available to tour outside on the south side.

At 10 a.m. there will be a briefing on public transportation in Kansas. Scheduled speakers include Transportation Secretary Carlson, Rep. Richard Proehl, Sen. Jake LaTurner and Susan Duffy, Chair of the Kansas Public Transit Association.

"Public transit is here for us all – rural, urban, young and old alike – but we don't spend much time talking about it," KDOT Public Transit Manager Mike Spadafore said. "We hope that Transit Day will give everyone the opportunity to ask questions and learn about transit and paratransit services available in Kansas. Our goal is to keep people living in and connected to their communities as long as possible."

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