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Public invited to Transit Day Feb. 27 at Capitol

The public is invited to attend the annual Transit Day at the Capitol in Topeka from 8 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Feb. 27. It is hosted by the Kansas Department of Transportation and the Kansas Public Transit Association.

Meet the state's service providers, tour new transit and paratransit vehicles, learn how transit reinforces economic development in the state and find out more about new technologies being used. The free event will include display tables in the first-floor rotunda and vehicles available to tour outside on the apron surrounding the capitol.

A briefing on public transportation in Kansas will take place at 10 a.m. that day in the first-floor rotunda area.

Speakers will include:

- ♦KDOT Division of Planning and Development Director Chris Herrick,
- ♦House Transportation Chair Rep. Richard Proehl,
- ♦Senate Transportation Chair Sen. Mike Petersen,
- ♦Anne Smith, Chair of the Kansas Public Transit Association.

The event highlights the work that more than 150 different agencies from across the state do to provide transit and paratransit services to people across Kansas.

"Public transit is here for all – rural, urban, young and old alike. It supports the local economy and gives access to jobs and healthcare," said KDOT Public Transit Manager Mike Spadafore. "Transit Day will give everyone the opportunity to learn about transit and paratransit services in Kansas and our goal of keeping the people of Kansas living in and connected to their communities for as long as possible."

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