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Hale named KDOT Director of Communications

Steve Hale has been named Director of Communications for the Kansas Department of Transportation.

He is excited to be involved in the agency's Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program. "KDOT is a well-respected agency in our state," Hale said. "Kansans understand the importance of safe and reliable transportation infrastructure, whether it involves roads, rail, aviation or technology. The IKE program is an example of KDOT's commitment to the well-being of Kansas both now and into the future."

Hale grew up in Cheyenne County and graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in journalism. For 20 years he worked as a reporter, editor and publisher for newspapers in McPherson, Cimarron, Arkansas City, Gardner, Overland Park and Nevada, Missouri. Hale then transitioned into the marketing and public relations fields. For the past 18 months he served as a Senior Partnership Specialist with the 2020 Census in Kansas.

During his time at the Census Bureau, Hale traveled across Kansas frequently, talking to citizens about the importance the census had on their communities. Working at KDOT will be similar, he said, as it also embodies service to the public.

"Everyone on the KDOT team is working for the betterment of Kansas," Hale said.

While traveling, Hale appreciated being able to tour many scenic highways across the state. One in particular caught his attention: K-14 between I-70 and Beloit. "It's arguably the most scenic two-lane highway in Kansas. It's beautiful."

He and his wife, Sharyl, reside in Gardner. They have two grown sons and two grandsons.

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