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## KANSAS CITY WELCOMES #805 TO THE KC STREETCAR FAMILY

The new addition set to arrive in Kansas City on May 13

WHAT: The KC Streetcar fleet is growing. The next wave of vehicles is on their way, starting with #805.

Kansas City's fifth streetcar will arrive in Kansas City on Monday, May 13. Manufactured by CAF USA, Inc., it's the first of two new streetcars scheduled to appear in Kansas City this year. #806 is expected to arrive later this summer.

"The arrival of 805 is a long time coming. More than two years ago, we saw the ridership demand and knew we had to plan for the future in order to effectively serve the growing downtown community," said Tom Gerend, executive director, KC Streetcar Authority.

WHEN: Monday, May 13, 2019. Estimated late-morning arrival. \*Subject to change and updates will be posted on Twitter (<a href="www.twitter.com/kcstreetcar">www.twitter.com/kcstreetcar</a>) and Facebook (<a href="www.twww.twitter.com/kcstreetcar">www.twitter.com/kcstreetcar</a>)

**WHO:** CAF, along with Silk Road Transport, will deliver KC Streetcar vehicle #805 on a flatbed truck more than 700 miles from Houston, Texas, to Kansas City, Missouri.

**WHERE**: The public and the media are invited to safely watch the arrival of KC Streetcar #805 from the KC Area Transportation Authority's RideKC Park & Ride lot at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Grand. During the arrival of streetcar #805, there will be no parking along Grand Boulevard from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. There may be temporary and intermittent road closures while the streetcar vehicle is being offloaded.

**HOW**: Once on-site, the streetcar will be offloaded from a flatbed truck and onto the tracks located along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, just east of Oak Street. KC Streetcar #805 will get a "push" from a member of the existing fleet in order to move into the Kite Singleton Vehicle Maintenance Facility located at 600 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

Streetcar #805 will undergo final assembly and shop testing for several days before it begins testing on the tracks later in May. Mainline testing will primarily be conducted during the overnight hours when the KC Streetcar is out of service. During this time, there may be temporary and intermittent parking and access restrictions along the route. Examples of mainline tests include system propulsion, braking,

communications, and a 300-mile burn-in test to verify reliable operation of all vehicle doors and systems. KC Streetcar #805 is estimated to be ready for passengers in early summer.

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