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KC STREETCAR PERFORMS FULL SCALE EMERGENCY EXERCISE

(Kansas City, Missouri) - On Sunday, July 21, the KC Streetcar team will conduct a full-scale emergency exercise to test the operational coordination and preparedness of the streetcar system and first responder personnel in the event of an incident involving a streetcar. The exercise will take place between 8 a.m. and noon.

KC Streetcar Authority personnel along with the Kansas City Police Department, the Kansas City Fire Department, first responders, the City of Kansas City, Missouri, Herzog Transit and the KC Area Transportation Authority (KCATA), will coordinate and practice their emergency protocols for dealing with such an incident.

The exercise will take place along the KC Streetcar non-revenue track located at 2nd Street and Grand. There will be significant emergency personnel on-site in the parking lot between 2nd - 3rd Streets, and Oak and Grand during the exercise. Residents are advised that this is only a drill and to use caution when traveling near the area. The KCATA parking lot at 3rd & Grand, as well as Oak Street between 2nd and 3rd Street, will be closed to the public starting Sunday, July 21 at 6 a.m. Both the street and parking lot will reopen to the public after the drill.

The media will be restricted to the media designated area inside the KCATA parking lot located at 3rd and Grand. Media can enter the KCATA parking lot from the Oak entrance only. The entrance along Grand Boulevard will be closed. Media won't be able to access the Singleton Yard facility or the active emergency exercise area while the drill is in progress.

MEDIA CONTACT: For questions about the KC Streetcar emergency exercise, please contact Donna Mandelbaum with the KC Streetcar Authority at 816.627.2526 (office), 816.877.3219 (cell) or by email at dmandelbaum@kcstreetcar.org or Chris Hernandez with the City Communications Office at 816.513.3473 (office), 816.787.1507 or by email at chris.hernandez@kcmo.org.

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