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## **AND THEN THERE WERE SIX**

Kansas City Welcomes #806 to the KC Streetcar Fleet

(Kansas City, Missouri) - The expansion of the downtown KC Streetcar fleet is nearly complete.

Kansas City's sixth streetcar, #806, will arrive mid-morning on Monday, August 19, approximately three months after streetcar #805 arrived. Manufactured by CAF USA, Inc., it's the second of two new streetcars added to the KC Streetcar fleet, which started with four in May 2016. Arrival time is subject to change and updates will be posted on Twitter ([www.twitter.com/kcstreetcar](http://www.twitter.com/kcstreetcar)) and Facebook ([www.facebook.com/kcstreetcar](http://www.facebook.com/kcstreetcar))

"People are riding the KC Streetcar in record numbers. This past July, we saw the highest streetcar ridership to date with more than 265,826 passenger trips, bringing our total ridership to over 7 million trips" said Tom Gerend, executive director of the KC Streetcar Authority. "The expansion of our fleet from four to six streetcars will support increased service frequencies and capacity in order to respond to the existing demand," Gerend continued.

Streetcar #805 has already allowed the KC Streetcar Authority to increase service frequency with the addition of four streetcars to the route on a regular basis. This summer there is four streetcar service Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Additional streetcars have also been added to Sunday service and during First Fridays.

CAF and Silk Road Transport will deliver KC Streetcar vehicle #806 on a flatbed truck more than 700 miles from Houston, Texas, to Kansas City, Missouri.

The public and the media are invited to safely watch the arrival of KC Streetcar #806 from the KC Area Transportation Authority's RideKC Park & Ride lot at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Grand. During the arrival of streetcar #806, 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.

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 #806 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 #806 will undergo final assembly and shop testing for several days before it begins testing on the tracks at the end of August. 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 #806 is estimated to be ready for passengers in early fall.

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