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## **KC STREETCAR AUTHORITY HIRES PLANNING & OPERATIONS MANAGER**

(Kansas City, Missouri) – The Kansas City Streetcar Authority (KCSA) is pleased to announce the hiring of Lauren Krutty (Reiman) to serve as the KCSA’s new Planning and Operations Manager.

Lauren is an urban planner focused on transit and mobility planning, and policy. Lauren brings to KCSA varied experience in transportation planning, scheduling, and operations, having recently worked at HNTB as a transit planner helping to implement transit-related projects. Her experience spans a wide variety of projects including transit corridor alternative analysis and project development, operations and service planning, strategic visioning for transit organizations, and work on KC Streetcar extension planning.

Lauren received her Bachelor’s Degree in Environmental Studies & Public Administration from Elon University and her Master’s Degree in Urban Planning from the University of Kansas. Lauren is currently the Chairman of Kansas City, Missouri’s Public Improvements Advisory Committee (PIAC) and an active volunteer with The Giving Grove and Expanding Your Horizons. Lauren is a member of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and a participant of APTA’s Emerging Leaders class of 2022. She is also involved with the Greater Kansas City Chamber, the Women’s Transportation Seminar, the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials, and the American Planning Association.

“We are thrilled to welcome Lauren into our KC Streetcar family. She is highly regarded in the transit industry and brings a unique and targeted skill set to our team that is a perfect fit as we position our system and organization for expansion,” said Tom Gerend, executive director, KCSA.

For more than six years, the KCSA has had a staff of three individuals, including executive director, Tom Gerend. As the streetcar system expands from the current downtown line to the Riverfront to the north and the University of Missouri-Kansas City on the south, so must staff and resources. Lauren will play a vital role in the planning of these two streetcar expansions, as well as future expansions.

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