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KDOT Secretary named Vice President of MAASTO

Kansas Department of Transportation Secretary Julie Lorenz has been elected Vice President of the Mid-America Association of State Transportation Officials (MAASTO) for 2020-2021.

“Secretary Lorenz is an experienced leader who understands how the transportation systems of Midwest states work together,” MAASTO President Craig Thompson said. “She will do a great job of helping MAASTO members combine their perspectives and expertise to help address our shared transportation challenges.”

MAASTO is one of four geographic regions of the country involved in the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO), which sets standards, publishes specifications and tests protocols and guidelines used in highway design and construction.

“In her short tenure, Secretary Lorenz has already developed and implemented numerous programs to improve safety and transportation efforts across the state,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “Serving on MAASTO will help spread those same ideas and transportation opportunities throughout the region.”

Secretary Lorenz will then succeed Thompson and serve as President the following year. Members of MAASTO include Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri and Ohio.

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