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KDOT Secretary Lorenz takes over as President of 10-state MAASTO region

CHICAGO – Kansas Secretary of Transportation Julie Lorenz is the new president of the Mid America Association of State Transportation Officials (MAASTO) – a collaboration of transportation leaders representing 10 Midwest states that works to advance highway, transit and related issues and policies important to the region.

Secretary Lorenz, who had previously served as MAASTO vice president, was unanimously elected by member state DOT leaders as the 2021-22 president of MAASTO at the organization’s annual meeting held this week in Chicago. The position had been held by Craig Thompson, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Replacing Secretary Lorenz as vice president is Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

“MAASTO states are projected to receive \$65 billion over the next five years through federal infrastructure funds,” said Secretary Lorenz. “My goal is to build on the momentum we experienced under the leadership of Mr. Thompson and collaboratively advance transportation initiatives that best serve our states now and into the future.”

Secretary Lorenz was appointed by Governor Laura Kelly in January 2019 to lead KDOT. With more than 25 years of transportation experience in the public and private sectors, she is recognized as a national leader in the areas of policy development, collaboration and scenario planning. She currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board and is chair of the Council on Aviation for the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

Secretary Lorenz is a graduate of the University of Kansas, where she earned a Master of Arts degree in Organizational Psychology, and Drury University, where she earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Psychology and Business Administration.

MAASTO's mission is to foster the development, operation, and maintenance of an integrated and balanced transportation system that serves the transportation needs of its member states: Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, and Ohio. It is affiliated with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

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