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**One week until motor vehicle week-long shutdown, drivers urged to plan ahead
MEDIA AVAILABILITY**

Director of Vehicles, Donna Shelite will be available for media interviews about the upgrade 10 – 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 24, call 785-296-0671 during that time.

TOPEKA – Kansans are urged to renew their expiring driver’s licenses and license plate tags this week in preparation for a week-long shut down of state vehicle services as the state implements a new motor vehicle system authorized by the state legislature in 2009

From May 1-7 the systems will be down and state driver licensing offices will be closed during that time. County treasurers’ offices will be able to conduct non-vehicle related business, but will not be able to process vehicle tags.

During that week, the department will be transferring 6.8 million records onto the new system, which will replace three aging mainframe systems which are three decades old. The new system will incorporate driver licensing, motor vehicle titling and registration and inventory management with a single, modern system that is easier to use, maintain and enhance.

To help reduce problems the Kansas Department of Revenue, Division of Vehicles is suggesting that:

- Those whose last names starting with C or D should renew their vehicle tags before Monday, April 30
- Anyone whose license expires May 1-7 should be sure to renew their licenses no later than Friday, April 27
- For those turning 21 during the shutdown, the state provides an automatic 45 day extension to allow them to have a valid driver’s license and a chance to get their new license later in the month at any of the state’s 111 driver licensing stations.

“I am very appreciative of those who have already take the time to plan ahead and take care of their vehicle and licensing business before we begin this initial upgrade,” said Vehicles Director Donna Shelite. “That preparation will help make the process go more smoothly for everyone.”