



(l-r) Steven Schrock, Toni Dixon and Lisa Koch

There are some new faces at KUTC and RTAP

The Kansas Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) is a service of the University of Kansas Transportation Center (KUTC). The staff you know as Kansas RTAP is also KUTC, based in Lawrence at the KU School of Engineering. RTAP/KUTC has some new staff members and will soon add a few more. So let's introduce you to Steve Schrock, the new KUTC Director, and Toni Dixon, the new KUTC Communications & Outreach Coordinator.

Last November, Steven D. Schrock, Ph.D., P.E., ACTAR, F. ITE, Professor, Department of Civil, Environmental, and Architectural Engineering, took the role of Director of KUTC. Schrock is the newest Director of KUTC—the center within KU's School of Engineering that houses both the RTAP and the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP). He replaces Tom Mulinazzi, providing a faculty and research presence and overall direction for the Center.

Schrock is a Professor in the Department of Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering (CEAE) at KU, and has been here since 2006. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Iowa State University and subsequently received his Ph.D. from Texas A&M. His research has primarily focused on improving highway safety, with a special emphasis on work zone traffic control. Since 2015 Schrock has also been active with the Traffic Assistance Services for Kansas (TASK) program, a partnership led by Kansas State University to teach short courses on the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices to field technicians across Kansas.

“Lisa Harris directs both the LTAP and RTAP Programs and I am pleased to be working with her to further our mission of fostering Kansas public and rural transit organizations Schrock said. “We want to ensure that we are providing the kind of services you need. I am still fairly new to this role, and I am still learning the best ways to serve you. If you think there is something we should be doing to help your agency be more effective, please let me know.”

In March, Toni Dixon joined the KUTC and RTAP and LTAP teams as the new Communications and Outreach Coordinator. She is a graduate of the KU School of Journalism, has owned her own public relations and communications company, and served as Director of Communications at the KU School of Business for 12 years. Dixon is also a freelance writer with occasional contributions to *Lawrence Magazine*, *Kansas Magazine*, and others. She brings strong communications skills and knowledge of KU to the position, and we are glad she is here.

The newest edition to the RTAP/KUTC staff is Lisa Koch, associate researcher. Koch manages the Transportation Center's research initiatives. She serves as the technical expert on RTAP projects and manages other transit and transportation research projects led by the Transportation Center. Koch also teaches in the Urban Planning Program in the School of Public Affairs and Administration.

Our experienced staff provide the backbone for the work we do in serving public transit and local transportation agencies around the state. Lisa Harris, Kristin Kelly (LTAP), Alice Kuo, Anne Lowder, and all of our course instructors are still with the Center, so there are still many familiar faces.

It is our goal to serve public transit agencies around the state. So, if we can be of help, contact the KU Transportation Center at (785)-864-5658 or kutc@ku.edu; Steve Schrock at (785) 864-3418 or schrock@ku.edu, or Lisa Harris at (785) 864-2595 or lharris@ku.edu.

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