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Kent City Health Department moves to Gateway

Kent, Ohio – Tuesday, September 29, 2020 – The Kent City Health Department has moved to new offices located on the 2nd floor of the Kent Central Gateway Transit Center in downtown Kent. Free 30-minute parking is available for health department visitors in designated spots in the KCG parking deck. Access to the KCHD offices is available through the stairwell or elevator at the southwest corner of the building located at 201 E. Erie Street.

“This is an excellent location right in the hub of Kent’s downtown area with easy access to our office by car or public transit,” said Kent City Health Commissioner Joan Seidel. “We’re also within walking distance of other government offices including the future site of the proposed new city hall.”

PARTA owns and operates the Kent Central Gateway and has been looking for a tenant for the facility’s 2nd floor office space since 2017. Details of a 10-year lease agreement between PARTA and the City of Kent were finalized earlier this year, however, COVID-19 delayed KCHD’s move to its new office space until the beginning of September.

PARTA General Manager Claudia Amrhein noted that the health department’s move to the Gateway facility is a good fit. Not only will KCHD provide stable and predictable revenue to support transit services and KCG operations, it does so in a manner consistent with PARTA’s mission, by enhancing access to public health programs and services the department offers in a location where multimodal mobility opportunities converge.

“Our transit services run through the Gateway at regular intervals, parking is available in the deck and on-street, and the facility is fully accessible to disabled individuals as well as anyone traveling on foot or bicycle,” said Amrhein.

Organized in 1975 under Section 306.32 of the Ohio Revised Code, PARTA provides fixed-route, ADA Complementary Paratransit and Demand Response service throughout Portage County. PARTA also

operates the Kent Central Gateway Transit Center and parking deck in downtown Kent. In 2018, PARTA constructed the first Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling station in Portage County.

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