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Kansas' third busiest driver's license office moves into its new, expanded space in the Great Mall of the Great Plains

TOPEKA – Kansas Department of Revenue opened its newest driver's license bureau Tuesday in Olathe's Great Mall of the Great Plains.

The new bureau includes an express lane for drivers who just need to renew their licenses, more stations and the more secure photo first process where drivers will only need to stand in one line to get their license.

“This new space not only includes several user friendly features, it will allow the department to expand in the future and meet the growing needs of the south Johnson County community,” said Director of Vehicles Donna Shelite.

The bureau replaces the department's old driver's license bureau on Ridgeview Road, where it had been for 15 years.

The Olathe bureau has become the state's third busiest serving up to 500 people a day during peak times. The need had out grown the old space, sometimes resulting in lines stretching out the office doors and people standing outside on hot days.

The new space inside the Great Mall will allow people to wait in more comfort. They will even be able to enjoy a snack at the mall's food court while monitoring the line's progress thanks to an electronic sign which will show what number is being served.

Those applying for a commercial or motorcycle driver's license will also be able to take their driving tests onsite starting in mid-July.

“We are constantly looking for ways to make services more accessible to Kansans, this new bureau should increase efficiency while helping the Department of Revenue continue to grow into the future with Olathe and the surrounding area,” said Revenue Secretary Nick Jordan.

The department's old office at 1839 Ridgeview, Olathe, closed June 24.

The move does not affect the motor vehicle sites located at 6000 Lamar Ave., Mission and 782 N. Ridgeview Road, Olathe which the Johnson County Treasurer's Office operates. Those sites handle vehicle titles and registration.