



Public Works and Safety Committee
Standing Committee Meeting Agenda
Monday, March 27, 2023
5:00 PM

Location: HYBRID

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Melissa Bynum, Chair	☐
Commissioner Christian Ramirez	☐
Commissioner Harold Johnson	☐
Commissioner Angela Markley	☐
Commissioner Mike Kane	☐
Tom Groneman, BPU Board Member	☐

- I.** **Call to Order/Roll Call**
- II.** **Revisions to March 27, 2023 Agenda**
- III.** **Approval of standing committee minutes from (no minutes available)**

IV. Committee Agenda

Item No. 1 - APPROVAL: FY23 COPS TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM GRANT

Synopsis: Approval to apply for and accept an award under the FY23 COPS Technology Program in the amount of \$905,000 to further the establishment of the Real-Time Intelligence Crime Center, submitted by Laura Cromwell, Fiscal Analyst, KCKPD. There is no match required for this grant.

Tracking #: 212325

Item No. 2 - ORDINANCE: AUTHORIZING THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST OTHER JURISDICTIONS DURING EMERGENCY DISASTER

Synopsis: Adopt a section in the Unified Government Code of Ordinances that would establish the authority for the Unified Government to provide assistance to other jurisdictions within or without the state of Kansas during a declared disaster emergency in alignment with K.S.A. 12-16,117, submitted by Matt May and Susan McMahan, Emergency Management Department.

It is requested that this item be fast-tracked to the March 30, 2023, Full Commission meeting.

Tracking #: 212320

Item No. 3 - RESOLUTION: ADOPTING THE GREATER KANSAS CITY REGIONAL RESOURCE SHARING AGREEMENT

Synopsis: Adopt a resolution endorsing the Greater Kansas City Regional Resource Sharing Agreement, submitted by Matt May and Susan McMahan, Emergency Management Department.

It is requested that this item be fast-tracked to the March 30, 2023, Full Commission meeting.

Tracking #: 212319

Item No. 4 - RESOLUTION: EXTENDING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Synopsis: To adopt a resolution to extend the state of emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic from May 1, 2023 through May 11, 2023, submitted by Matty May and Susan McMahan, Emergency Management Department.

It is requested that this item be fast-tracked to the March 30, 2023, Full Commission meeting.

Tracking #: 212311

Item No. 5 - RESOLUTION: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR KC CONNECT BI-STATE RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Synopsis: Request to approve a resolution committing the UG to funding our matching portion of the MEGA/Infra Grant for the KC Connect Bi-State River bridge Replacement Project (Kansas Ave. Bridge), submitted by Troy Shaw, County Engineer.

Tracking #: 212328

Item No. 6 - RESOLUTION: ILLEGAL DUMP PROGRAM

Synopsis: The Public Works, Solid Waste Division is requesting approval for a resolution to fund 25% of the Illegal Dump Program by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), submitted by Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works.

It is requested that this item be fast-tracked to the March 30, 2023, Full Commission meeting.

Tracking #: 212330

Item No. 7 - UPDATE: RIGHT-OF-WAY ORDINANCE

Synopsis: The Public Works Department was asked to report on the Unified Government's ordinance regarding right-of-way maintenance throughout Kansas City, Kansas, and the UG's practices and procedures, submitted by Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works.

For Information Only

Tracking #: 212240

Item No. 8 - PRESENTATION: PUBLIC WORKS QUARTERLY REPORT

Synopsis: The Public Works Department will provide a quarterly update on new initiatives, programs and challenges, submitted by Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works.

For information only

Tracking #: 212327

Item No. 9 - PRESENTATION: EAST WEST TRANSIT CORRIDOR STUDY

Synopsis: A presentation by the consultant team regarding the final recommendation of the East-West Corridor Study. This inter-jurisdictional (UG, KU Medical Center, KCATA, KCMO, KC Streetcar and Jackson County) project looks into enhanced transit between KU Medical Center and the Truman Sports Complex, submitted by Gunnar A. Hand, Director, Planning & Urban Design.

For Information Only

Tracking #: 212314

V. Public Agenda

VI. Adjourn



Staff Request for Commission Action

Tracking No. 212325

Full Commission Meeting Date: 4/13/23

Committee: Public Works & Safety

Date of Standing Committee Action:

(If none, please explain):

Publication Required: No

<u>Date:</u> 03/10/2023	<u>Contact Name:</u> Laura Cromwell	<u>Contact Phone:</u>	<u>Contact Email:</u> LCromwell@kckpd.org	<u>Department/Division:</u> Police Department
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Item Description:

The Police Department is seeking approval to apply for and accept an award under the FY23 COPS Technology Program in the amount of \$905,000. Funding will be used to further the establishment of our Real-Time Intelligence Crime Center. The performance period for this grant will extend through December 29th, 2024. There is no match required for this grant.

Action Requested:

Approval

Budget Impact: (if applicable)

Amount:

Source:

Included In Budget:

Other (explain):

Attachments List:



Staff Request for Commission Action

Tracking No. 212320

Full Commission Meeting Date:

Committee: Public Works & Safety

Date of Standing Committee Action: 3/27/23

(If none, please explain):

Publication Required: No

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Contact Name:</u>	<u>Contact Phone:</u>	<u>Contact Email:</u>	<u>Department/Division:</u>
03/02/2023	Matt May	x6337	mmay@wycokck.org	Emergency Management

Item Description:

To adopt a new section in the Unified Government Code of Ordinances that would establish the authority for the Unified Government to provide assistance to other jurisdictions within or without the state of Kansas during a declared disaster emergency, in alignment with K.S.A. 12-16,117, submitted by Matt May and Susan McMahan, Emergency Management Department.

It is requested that this item be fast-tracked to the March 30, 2023, Full Commission meeting.

Action Requested:

To approve the ordinance.

Budget Impact: (if applicable)

Amount:

Source:

Included In Budget:

Other (explain):

Attachments List:

Mutual Aid Ordinance

(Published _____)

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS TO ADD A NEW SECTION TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS BOTH WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE STATE DURING DISASTERS.

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 12-16,117 permits a municipality to adopt a policy regarding the provision of assistance to other municipalities and public safety agencies located in other municipalities located within or without the state of Kansas;

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 12-16,117 requires that such a policy be established by adoption of the appropriate ordinance or resolution;

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 12-16,117 requires such an ordinance or resolution to include the procedure for the provision of assistance during times of disaster and to be consistent with the applicable local or interjurisdictional plan adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 48-901 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto;

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 12-16,117 provides that any municipality and public safety agency providing assistance pursuant to such an ordinance or resolution are subject to the provisions of all laws, including those providing immunity from liability, as if such municipality or public safety agency was acting within such municipality; and

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 12-16,117 similarly provides that any public safety agency of another state providing assistance in this state pursuant to such an ordinance or resolution, shall be subject to the provisions of all laws of this state, including those providing immunity from liability, as if such public agency was a public agency within the state of Kansas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Article II of Chapter 12 of the Code of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas is hereby amended by the addition of a new section to read as follows:

Sec. 12-36. - Mutual aid policy.

(a) This section is intended to provide assistance in any form of service including, but not limited to, police, fire, emergency medical service, emergency management, public works, as well as administrative and clerical support during times of disaster as defined in K.S.A. 12-16,117.

(b) In the event of a disaster, when there is a request for assistance from another municipality within or without the state, if the county can provide assistance without unduly jeopardizing the protection of its own community, the county administrator, or his or her designee, in coordination with the director of emergency management, is hereby authorized to provide such assistance as may be requested under authority granted by K.S.A. 12-16,117, with all the privileges and immunities provided therein.

(c) Any assistance offered or provided pursuant hereto shall not be in conflict with:

- (1) The county emergency operations plan;
- (2) Other county resolutions or any existing interlocal agreement;
- (3) Automatic aid;
- (4) Intergovernmental or mutual aid agreement or the authority to enter into any such future agreements.

(d) The requesting jurisdiction must be operating under a state or local declaration of disaster emergency as provided for in applicable state statutes.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the official Unified Government newspaper.

**ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED
GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, THIS
____ DAY OF _____, 2023.**

Approved:

Tyrone A. Garner, Mayor/CEO

Attest:

Unified Government Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Assistant Counsel



Staff Request for Commission Action

Tracking No. 212319

Full Commission Meeting Date:

Committee: Public Works & Safety

Date of Standing Committee Action: 3/27/23

(If none, please explain):

Publication Required: No

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Contact Name:</u>	<u>Contact Phone:</u>	<u>Contact Email:</u>	<u>Department/Division:</u>
03/02/2023	Matt May	x6337	mmay@wycokck.org	Emergency Management

Item Description:

To adopt a resolution endorsing and adopting the Greater Kansas City Regional Resource Sharing Agreement. The Agreement serves as a safety net mutual aid agreement when Kansas City metro municipalities share requested resources during times of emergency, submitted by Matt May and Susan McMahan, Emergency Management Department.

It is requested that this item be fast-tracked to the March 30, 2023, Full Commission meeting.

Action Requested:

To adopt the resolution.

Budget Impact: (if applicable)

Amount:

Source:

Included In Budget:

Other (explain):

Attachments List:

RRSA Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING AND ADOPTING THE GREATER KANSAS CITY REGIONAL RESOURCE SHARING AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas has a Department of Emergency Management and the State of Kansas has a “state emergency disaster agency”;

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas desires to render assistance that may be requested of the Unified Government to support other governing bodies and jurisdictions both within and without the state of Kansas;

WHEREAS, the Greater Kansas City Regional Resource Sharing Agreement (“RRSA”) was developed by a workgroup of emergency managers, approved by the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Council (“RHSCC”) and the Policy Committee of the RHSCC as well as the Mid-America Regional Area Council (“MARC”) Board of Directors to provide a document intended for all jurisdictions in the MARC region willing to share resources with other jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, the RRSA was developed to serve as a safety net mutual aid agreement to fill in the gaps between the various, typical mutual aid agreements which serve law enforcement, fire service etc.;

WHEREAS, the RRSA will strengthen the current mutual aid agreements by establishing a basic understanding regarding liability issues and procedures;

WHEREAS, the RRSA will clarify in writing the typical handshake agreement that jurisdictions have often relied upon when requesting and sharing resources;

WHEREAS, the RRSA provides an understanding of which jurisdictions are willing to participate in a sharing agreement to support the requests of other jurisdictions to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, the concept of the RRSA is considered a best practice by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas hereby endorses and adopts the Greater Kansas City Regional Resource Sharing Agreement (“RRSA”).

Section 2. The Mayor/Chief Executive Officer, or the County Administrator or his or her designee, of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas is hereby authorized and directed to execute in the name of the Unified Government the Greater Kansas City Regional Resource Sharing Agreement.

Section 3. All other employees and agents of the Unified Government are hereby authorized to carry out and implement the purposes of this resolution.

Section 4. That original Resolution No. 37952 of the City Council of the City of Kansas City, Kansas, adopted on August 4, 1994, is hereby repealed.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

**ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED
GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, THIS
____ DAY OF _____, 2023.**

Approved:

Tyrone A. Garner, Mayor/CEO

Attest:

Unified Government Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Assistant Counsel



Staff Request for Commission Action

Tracking No. 212311

Full Commission Meeting Date:

Committee: Public Works & Safety

Date of Standing Committee Action: 3/27/23

(If none, please explain):

Publication Required: No

<u>Date:</u> 02/27/2023	<u>Contact Name:</u> Matt May	<u>Contact Phone:</u> x6337	<u>Contact Email:</u> mmay@wycokck.org	<u>Department/Division:</u> Emergency Management
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Item Description:

To adopt a resolution to extend the state of emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic from May 1, 2023 through May 11, 2023, submitted by Matty May and Susan McMahan, Emergency Management Department.

It is requested that this item be fast-tracked to the March 30, 2023, Full Commission meeting.

Action Requested:

To adopt the resolution.

Budget Impact: (if applicable)

Amount:

Source:

Included In Budget:

Other (explain):

Attachments List:

Mayor's Declar 60-day w Commiss.ext to 5-11-23 (final)

(Published _____)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC FOR THE COUNTY OF WYANDOTTE, KANSAS, THROUGH MAY 11, 2023.

WHEREAS, on the 13th day of March, 2020, the Mayor/CEO of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas declared there was a state of local public disaster emergency in Wyandotte County, Kansas, resulting in potential or occurring pandemic known as COVID-19, in Wyandotte County, Kansas;

WHEREAS, on the 19th day of March, the Unified Government Commission adopted Resolution R-18-20 extending the state of local public health emergency through May 18, 2020;

WHEREAS, on the 14th day of May, 2020, the Unified Government Commission adopted Resolution R-30-20, extending the state of local public health emergency through July 17, 2020;

WHEREAS, on the 9th day of July, 2020, the Unified Government Commission adopted Resolution R-37-20, extending the state of local public health emergency through September 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, on the 3rd day of September, 2020, the Unified Government Commission adopted Resolution R-66-20, extending the state of local public health emergency through December 14, 2020;

WHEREAS, on the 3rd day of December, 2020, the Unified Government Commission adopted Resolution R-83-20, later corrected as Resolution R-83a-20 and published on February 4, 2021, extending the state of local public health emergency through March 15, 2021;

WHEREAS, on the 11th day of March, 2021, the Unified Government Commission adopted Resolution R-16-21 and published on March 18, 2021, extending the state of local public health emergency through June 15, 2021;

WHEREAS, on the 10th day of June, 2021, the Unified Government Commission adopted Resolution R-40-21 and published on June 17, 2021, extending the state of local public health emergency through September 15, 2021;

WHEREAS, on the 9th day of September, 2021, the Unified Government Commission adopted Resolution R-61-21 and published on September 16, 2021, extending the state of local public health emergency through December 16, 2021;

WHEREAS, on the 2nd day of December, 2021, the Unified Government Commission adopted Resolution R-86-21 and published on December 9, 2021, extending the state of local public health emergency through April 1, 2022;

WHEREAS, on the 31st day of March, 2022, the Unified Government Commission adopted Resolution R-20-22 and published on April 7, 2022, extending the state of local public health emergency through July 1, 2022;

WHEREAS, on the 30th day of June, 2022, the Unified Government Commission adopted Resolution R-24-22 and published on July 7, 2022, extending the state of local public health emergency through October 1, 2022;

WHEREAS, on the 29th day of September, 2022, the Unified Government Commission adopted Resolution R-58-22 and published on October 6, 2022, extending the state of local public health emergency through February 1, 2023;

WHEREAS, on the 15th day of December, 2022, the Unified Government Commission adopted Resolution R-84-22 and published on December 22, 2022, extending the state of local public health emergency through May 1, 2023;

WHEREAS, the threat to the public health from the COVID-19 pandemic continues, as evidenced by the national count of 102,736,819 cases and 1,110,364 deaths as of February 15, 2023; in Kansas, there have been 930,148 cases and 9,995 deaths; and in Wyandotte County there have been 54,198 cases and 550 deaths;

WHEREAS, in Wyandotte County, while 66.7% of the total population has received at least one dose of the vaccine, only 10% of the population has received the new, updated bivalent COVID-19 booster vaccine, which protects against the newer omicron variant and newly vaccinated numbers remain stagnant;

WHEREAS, Wyandotte County is still classified in the “Substantial” category with a weekly cumulative incidence rate of 52 per 100,000 population;

WHEREAS, many Wyandotte County residents have transitioned to utilizing their own at-home tests and not officially reporting the results, making it much more difficult to assess the scope of community spread;

WHEREAS, Wyandotte County residents continue to rely on the UG Public Health Department to provide access to COVID-19 resources, including testing, vaccinations, social support, access to health care, communications, and education, and those resources cannot be provided without the 90% federal match through FEMA;

WHEREAS, the Unified Government Board of Commissioners recognizes that a prolonged public health crisis requires the timely commitment of federal resources that flow to local units of government under an uninterrupted declared emergency;

WHEREAS, the past two winters have brought pronounced increases in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths and the cyclical nature of COVID-19 indicates that a similar increase is likely when newer variants are identified;

WHEREAS, new variants of COVID continue to be identified, including most recently, XBB.1.5, and such variants can spread more easily in the community and become more resistant to vaccines and treatments such as monoclonal antibodies.

WHEREAS, federal and state funding for local health department COVID-19 mitigation strategies has declined substantially and requires greater reliance on FEMA reimbursement for COVID-19 activities;

WHEREAS, the Unified Government Board of Commissioners has the authority to further extend the declaration beyond May 1, 2023, as such conditions continue to endanger the public health, safety, and welfare of persons within the borders of Wyandotte County, Kansas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the state of local public health emergency in Wyandotte County, Kansas, initially declared on the 13th day of March 2020, shall continue and remain in effect through May 11, 2023, unless terminated earlier.
2. That the response and recovery aspects of all local disaster plans which are applicable to Wyandotte County, Kansas, shall initiate the rendering of aid and assistance thereunder.
3. That any rights or powers lawfully exercised or any actions taken pursuant to local disaster emergency plans shall continue and have full force and effect as authorized by law through May 11, 2023, unless modified or terminated in the manner prescribed by law.

**ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS
CITY, KANSAS, THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2023.**

[Signatures on following page]

Approved:

Tyrone A. Garner, Mayor/CEO

Attest:

Unified Government Clerk



Staff Request for Commission Action

Tracking No. 212328

Full Commission Meeting Date:

Committee: Public Works & Safety

Date of Standing Committee Action: 3/27/23

(If none, please explain):

Publication Required: No

<u>Date:</u> 03/15/2023	<u>Contact Name:</u> Troy Shaw	<u>Contact Phone:</u> x5416	<u>Contact Email:</u> tshaw@wycokck.org	<u>Department/Division:</u> Public Works
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Item Description:

Request to approve a resolution committing the UG to funding our matching portion of the MEGA/Infra Grant for the KC Connect Bi-State River bridge Replacement Project (Kansas Ave. Bridge). There will be a presentation about the timeline for this project and additional input needed to complete the grant application. As the funding for the Kansas Ave. Bridge may have impacts on the downstream Central Ave. Bridge, there will also be discussion related to this bridge and potential future plans for KDOT at I-70 and Central that may impact this bridge, submitted by Troy Shaw, County Engineer.

Action Requested:

To adopt the resolution.

Budget Impact: (if applicable)

Amount:

Source:

Included In Budget:

Other (explain):

Attachments List:

KC Connect Bridge Presentation (submit), Resolution authorizing funding for KC Connet Bi-State River Bridge Replacement



Public Works

CENTRAL AVENUE & KANSAS AVENUE BRIDGE SITES

*Prepared for UG Standing Committee
March 2023*



Site Overview



Central Avenue Interchange Site



Central Avenue Bridge Site



Kansas Avenue Bridge Site

Central Ave. Interchange & Bridge Sites



Central Avenue Quick Stats

- Length = 3,451 Ft/800 Ft Lower
- 4,700 Average Daily Traffic
- No Sidewalk
- KDOT to Conduct 9-Month Study
- Collaboration with KDOT ensures cohesive design



Incorporating Local Plans



Department of Planning + Urban Design
Unified Government of Wyandotte County • Kansas City, Kansas

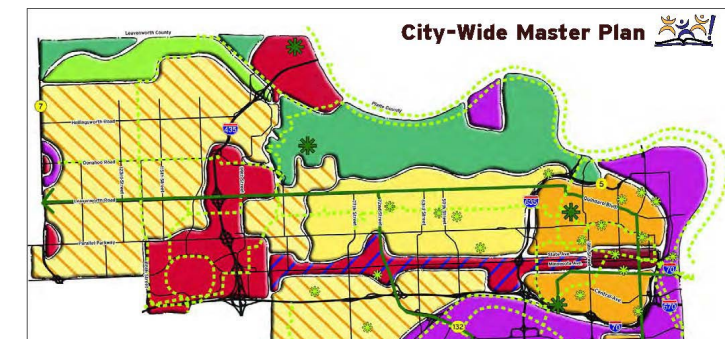
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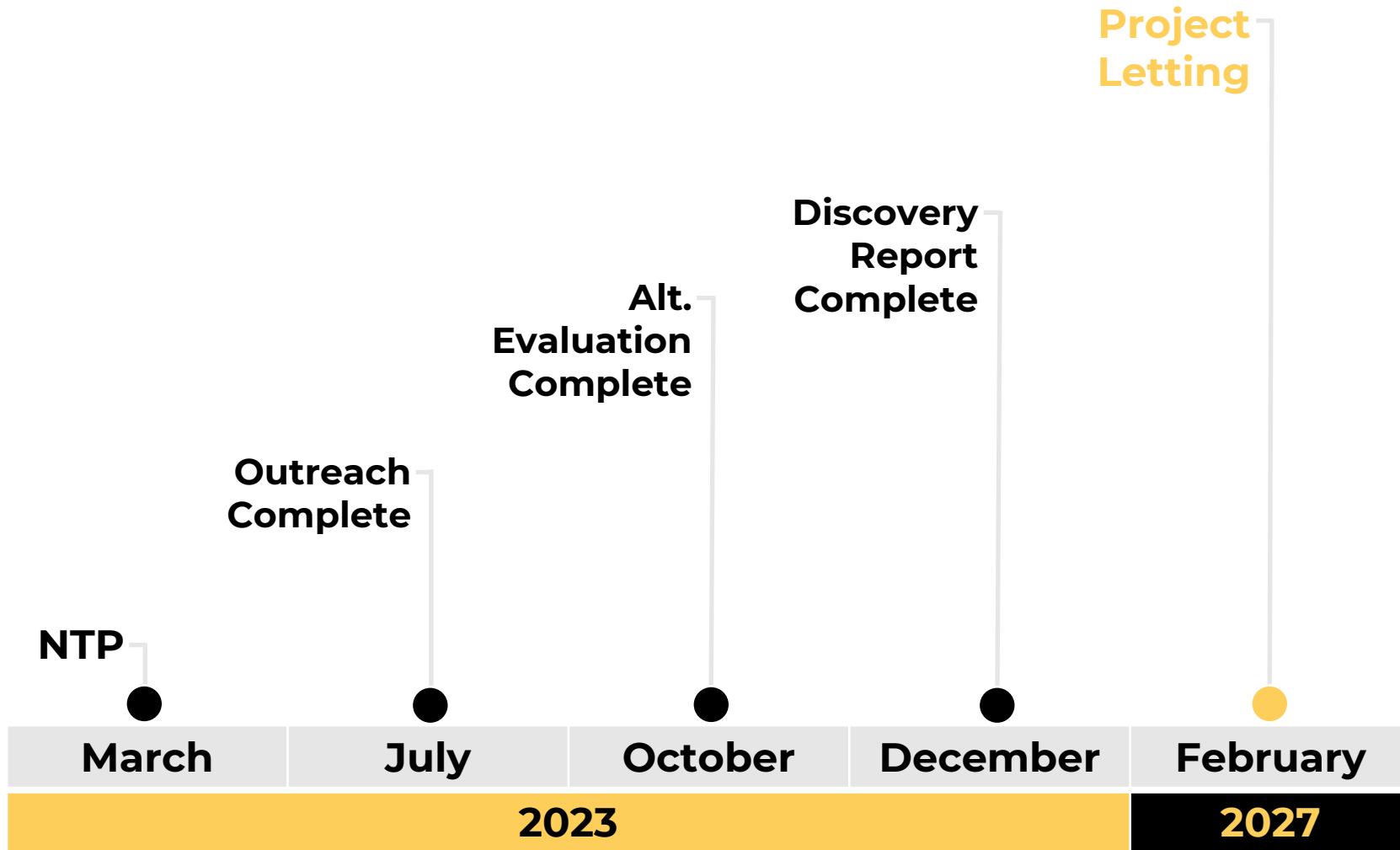
- GoDotte Strategic Mobility Plan ('22)
- Central Area Master Plan ('20)
- Armourdale Area Master Plan ('21)
- Riverfront Development Plan ('22)
- Complete Streets Ordinance ('20)
- Citywide Master Plan '22 Updates (Currently Underway)
- Sidewalk & Trails Master Plan ('21)
- SmartMoves RideKC Transit Plan and Climate Action Plan

Downtown KCK Industrial River Edge Vision Study

Kansas City Design Center (KCDC) Urban Design Studio 2022/2023



KDOT Project Timeline



Kansas Ave. Bridge Site



KANSAS AVENUE



Kansas Avenue

River Park Drive

Kansas

Missouri

American Royal Dr

Avenida Cesar E Chavez

Levee Road

Kansas River

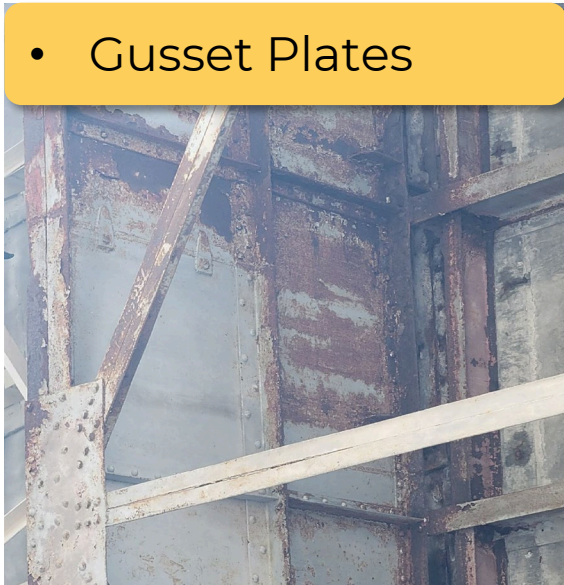
Quick Stats:

- Length = 1,395 Feet Lower
- 7,100 Average Daily Traffic
- Posted for 23T-43T-43T
- Non-ADA Compliant Sidewalk
- Fracture Critical Mitigation

Repairs Needed



- Expansion Joints



- Gusset Plates

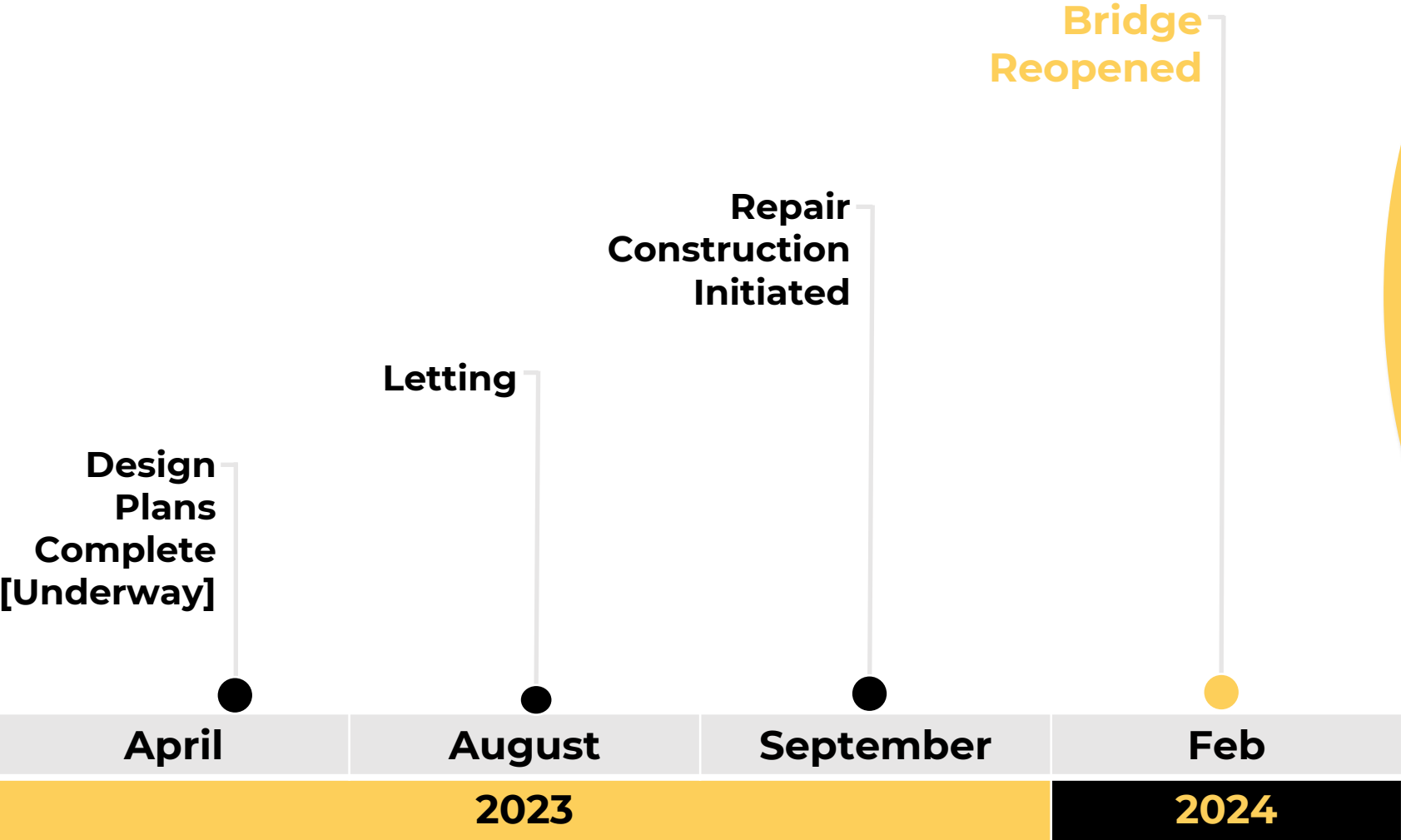


- Bridge Bearings



- Pier - KCMO

Short-Term Repairs Timeline



INFRA/MEGA Grant Application Development



Regional Freight
& Interstate
Commerce



Economic
Redevelopment



Connecting
Communities



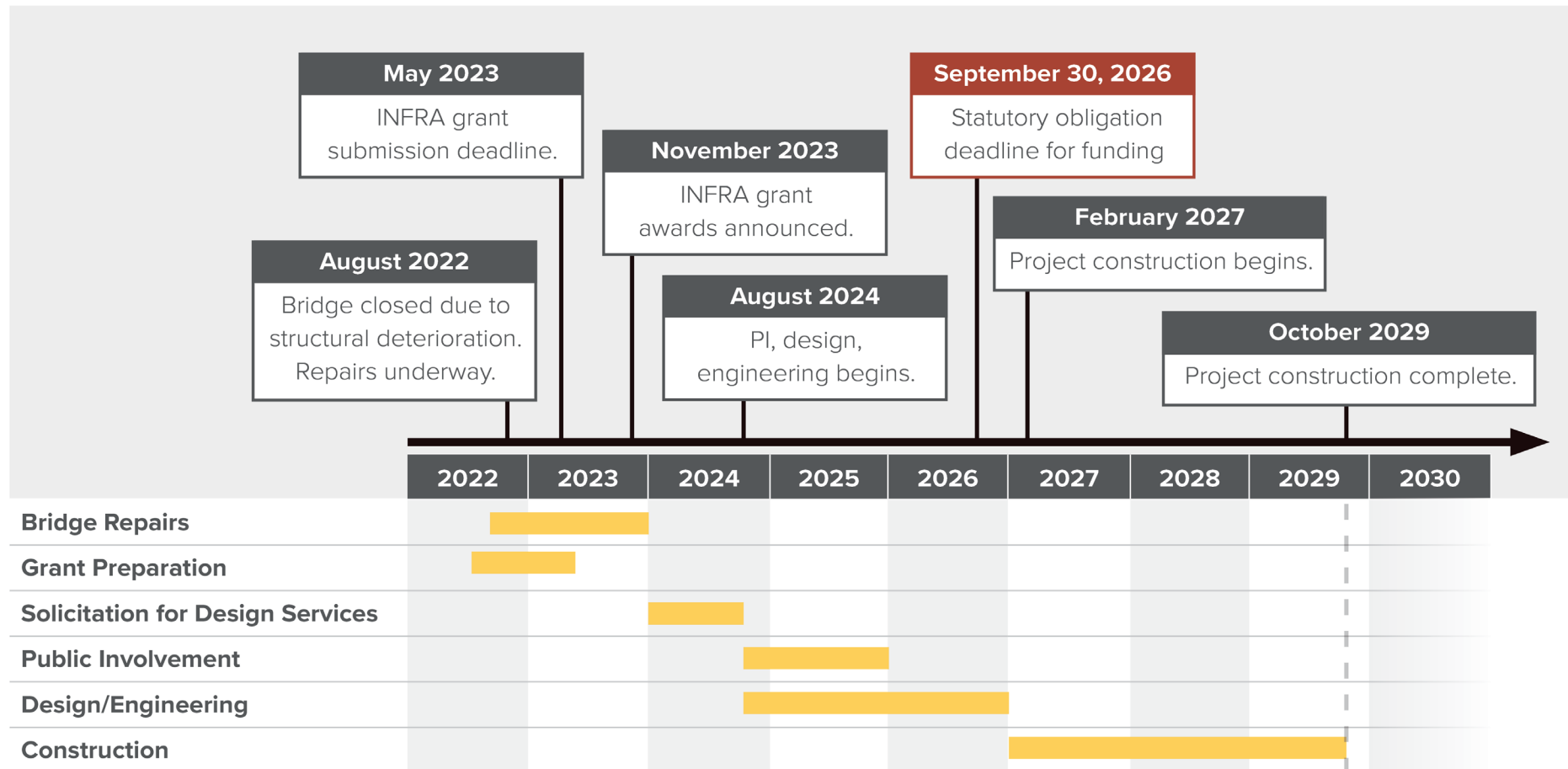
Increased Access
for Pedestrians
and Cyclists



Public Safety &
Social Equity

KC Connect Bi-State River Bridge Replacement Timeline

Anticipated Project Timeline (Tentative Pending Grant Release/Award)



KC Connect Bi-State River Bridge Replacement Funding Needs

Project Estimate: \$150M (approximately ½ UG, ½ KCMO)

Project split: approximately 50/50 between the UG and KCMO

MEGA/Infra Grant is a 60/40 split with 40% Matching

MEGA/Infra allows for an additional 20% Federal Funds to match



Proposed Project Funding

Total Estimated Project Cost	\$150M
UG 50% Portion*	\$75M
Possible Non-UG Funds	
MEGA/Infra Grant	\$45M
Additonal Federal Grants**	0-\$15M
Additonal State Funds	TBD
K-5 Ownership Turnback	0-\$4M
KC Levee Betterments***	0-\$2M
Remaining UG Funds Needed	\$9-\$30M
Possible UG Fund Sources	
Remaining Bridge Repair Funds	0-\$1M
Stormwater Utility Fund	0-\$5M
City GO Debt	TBD
City General Fund Cash	TBD
Dedicated Sales Tax Cash	TBD
Special Street and Highway Fund	TBD
Other Fund Sources (TBD)	TBD

*Totals for each City are approximate and will be determined based on the actual work completed in each City.

**The MEGA/Infra Grant allows for an additional 20% matching using Federal Funds but are not guaranteed and additional funds will need to be obtained.

***These funds have already been spent adjacent to the proposed project and may qualify as part of the UG's matching portion.



Action Items



Approve Resolution that commits the UG to paying up to **\$30M** for our local share of the grant match, if awarded.



Supply letters of support



Advocate and secure Letters of support from Mayor, DOTs, and state politicians





QUESTIONS?

RESOLUTION NO. R-_____

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR THE KC CONNECT
BI-STATE RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Kansas Avenue Bridge is a 102-year-old, steel deck truss that spans the Kansas-Missouri border; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Avenue Bridge has numerous areas of severe structural deterioration requiring repeated closures and extensive repair efforts to maintain service; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Government intends to submit a Mega/INFRA grant application through the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) to assist with the funding; and

WHEREAS, the Mega/INFRA grant application requests up to \$90 million in funding from the USDOT, representing 60% of the total project cost, with the remaining 40% local match coming from combined funding from both the UG and The City of Kansas City, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Government commits to utilizing a combination of available funding sources including, but not limited to, State Funds; Federal Grants; City Debt; City General Fund; Dedicated Sales Tax; Special Street & Highway Fund; Additional Grant Funding; and other sources that are applicable to the project; and

WHEREAS, repair of the bridge would reconnect the neighboring communities of Armourdale and Westside using revitalized, modern streetscapes emphasizing Complete Streets standards with improved pedestrian, bicycle, and ADA accommodations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS
CITY, KANSAS:**

Section 1. Authorization. That the County Administrator is hereby authorized to spend up to and including Thirty Million Dollars and NO/100 (\$30,000,000.00) of (representing approximately 20% of the total project cost) to help pay for the KC Connect Bi-State River Bridge Replacement and is hereby authorized to negotiate the terms and execute in the name of the Unified Government all such contracts, documents, certificates, and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution.

Section 2. Further Action. The Mayor/CEO, County Administrator, and other officers, agents, and employees of the Unified Government are hereby further authorized and directed to take such further action as may be appropriate or desirable to accomplish the purpose of this Resolution.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately after its adoption by the Governing Body of the Unified Government.

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UNIFIED GOVERNMENT CLERK

Approved as to Form:

Chief Counsel



Staff Request for Commission Action

Tracking No. 212330

Full Commission Meeting Date: Fast tracked to Full Commission, March 30, 2023

Committee: Public Works & Safety

Date of Standing Committee Action: 3/27/2023

(If none, please explain):

Publication Required: No

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Contact Name:</u>	<u>Contact Phone:</u>	<u>Contact Email:</u>	<u>Department/Division:</u>
03/15/2023	Jeff Fisher	x5415	jfisher@wycokck.org	Public Works

Item Description:

The Public Works, Solid Waste Division is requesting approval for a resolution to fund 25% of the Illegal Dump Program by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), submitted by Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works.

It is requested that this item be fast-tracked to the March 30, 2023, Full Commission meeting.

Action Requested:

Approval

Budget Impact: (if applicable)

Amount:

Source:

Included In Budget:

Other (explain):

Attachments List:

Resolution - 4600 Sortor, Resolution - 3651 Minnesota, Resolution - 3650 Minnesota

RESOLUTION NO. R-_____

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CLEANUP OF THE PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 4600 SORTOR DRIVE, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, AND
PROVIDING FOR COOPERATION WITH THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT IN ACHIEVING SAID REPAIR AND
CLEANUP.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners after study and review has determined as follows, to-wit:

THAT the property located at 4600 Sortor Drive, Kansas City, Kansas, is an illegal solid waste dumping area pursuant to K.S.A. 65-3415(a).

THAT, K.S.A. 65-3415a(c)(7) authorizes the Secretary of KDHE to take corrective action where the release of solid waste presents an actual or potential threat to human health or the environment if the owner or operator has not been identified or is unable or unwilling to perform corrective action.

THAT, K.S.A. 65-3415a (d) requires that the person(s) responsible for the operation or long-term care of a disposal area whose failure to comply with the solid waste act, rules and regulations or permit conditions resulted in the determination that expenditures from the solid waste fund are responsible for repayment of those funds and the Secretary shall take the appropriate action to recover those funds.

THAT, the Secretary has determined that the site presents an actual or potential threat to human health or the environment and the owner or operator is unable or unwilling to perform the necessary corrective action. The Secretary has further determined that the person(s) responsible for the long-term care of the site has not violated the solid waste act, rules, regulations, or permit conditions resulting in the determination that funds should be expended and therefore is not responsible for repayment of funds expended.

THAT, the City of Kansas City, Kansas should enter into an agreement to remediate the human health or environmental hazards at the site located in Wyandotte County, Kansas known as 4600 Sortor Drive, Kansas City, as the same represents a threat to the safety of the citizens of the City of Kansas City, Kansas and Wyandotte County, Kansas.

THAT, the Secretary has determined that it is most cost effective for the City of Kansas City, Kansas to contract for performance of the tasks necessary to remediate the site.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY
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CITY, KANSAS:**

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners after study and review has determined as follows, to-wit:

THAT the property located at 3651 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas, is an illegal solid waste dumping area pursuant to K.S.A. 65-3415(a).

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners after study and review has determined as follows, to-wit:

THAT the property located at 3650 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas, is an illegal solid waste dumping area pursuant to K.S.A. 65-3415(a).

THAT, K.S.A. 65-3415a(c)(7) authorizes the Secretary of KDHE to take corrective action where the release of solid waste presents an actual or potential threat to human health or the environment if the owner or operator has not been identified or is unable or unwilling to perform corrective action.

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Staff Request for Commission Action

Tracking No. 212240

Full Commission Meeting Date:

Committee: Full Commission

Date of Standing Committee Action:

(If none, please explain):

Publication Required: No

<u>Date:</u> 02/02/2023	<u>Contact Name:</u> Jeff Fisher	<u>Contact Phone:</u> x5415	<u>Contact Email:</u> jfisher@wycokck.org	<u>Department/Division:</u> Public Works
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Item Description:

The Mayor has directed the County Administrator and staff to engage the Commission and determine what action to take regarding the mowing of public right-of-way. Staff will make a short presentation on past and current practices, and relevant ordinances. Staff will solicit the Commission's interest in modifying the code of ordinances and supporting practices, accordingly.

For Information Only

Action Requested:

No action.

Budget Impact: (if applicable)

Amount:

Source:

Included In Budget:

Other (explain):

Attachments List:

Mowing ROW Memo, ROW-Mowing-PW-03.27.2023



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TO FROM DATE RE ATTACHMENTS

Jeff Fisher, Public Works Director
Vinny Billaci, Street Division Manager
October 19, 2022
Right-of-Way Mowing and/or Trimming
Right-of-Way Mowing Map

Background

As part of Public Works' (PW) commitment to continuous improvement, team members regularly review existing policies and procedures. In early 2017, teams in PW's Street Division began a review of internal mowing procedures.

During the process, it came to light that PW was mowing and trimming many areas within the right-of-way on private property, an activity that was not in line with existing city ordinances. Chapter 8, Article XII, Section 8-535 reads:

- It shall be unlawful for any property owner, representative, tenant or other person with control, occupancy or possession of real property to allow excessive growth of vegetation on any lot or parcel of land within the city or in any area between the property lines of said lot or parcel and the centerline of any adjacent street or alley, including, but not specifically limited to, sidewalks, streets, alleys, easements, rights-of-way and all other areas, public or private.*
(Code 1988, § 8-575; Ord. No. 65619, § 6, 4-19-1991)

Chapter 32, Article II, Section 32-37 (c)(1) also reads:

- All persons or entities owning land adjacent to public right-of-way or easement, upon which improvements are located, are responsible for the maintenance and repair of such improvements, including but not limited to the sidewalks, driveways, culverts, ditch maintenance, driveway approach, private street, private sewer, and tree trimming.

At that time, the practice of mowing and/or trimming vegetation in the right-of-way on private property was not in line with city ordinance. In March of 2017, Public Works brought this discrepancy to the attention of the Governing Body through Standing Committee along with a recommendation that would bring operations into compliance with city code while allowing the Unified Government to continue right-of-way mowing and/or trimming on publicly-owned property via a phased approach to be fully implemented in 2019.

Best Practices

To determine best practices, Public Works reached out to several neighboring cities. Those who responded are Kansas City, MO; Roeland Park, KS; Prairie Village, KS; and Leawood, KS.

Kansas City, MO is the most comparable neighbor, as they face similar staffing challenges and have similar processes. In Kansas City, MO, internal crews mow and/or trim right-of-way on publicly-owned property, and external crews are contracted to mow and/or trim vacant lots. Staffing challenges make keeping up with mowing and/or trimming difficult.



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Roeland Park, KS; Prairie Village, KS; and Leawood, KS also only mow and/or trim on publicly-owned property. They also indicated that they do not preemptively trim trees, and should a tree fall into the street, the road is cleared and the fallen tree is placed on the property of origin.

These practices are in line with the processes currently followed by the Unified Government.

Current Practice

In the past, Public Works' Street Division mowed or trimmed the right-of-way in many areas, but the three most recent Citizen Surveys showed that street maintenance is a higher priority. To meet the expectations of residents, the Board of Commissioners worked with staff to phase out right-of-way mowing on private property in 2018, with phasing to end in 2019. County-wide notifications were sent to all residential addresses, and teams worked with property owners throughout 2018 to help with and educate them about the transition back to compliance with the existing code. Areas where tall grass and weeds cause safety concerns, particularly at intersections, are still cut by the UG regardless of ownership.

During the phase-in period, the Street Division also conducted a map-based mowing audit. The purpose of this exercise was to map areas that were (1) currently maintained by the Unified Government, (2) previously maintained by the Unified Government but not currently maintained, and (3) areas that property owners are responsible for maintaining. A copy of the resulting map is attached.

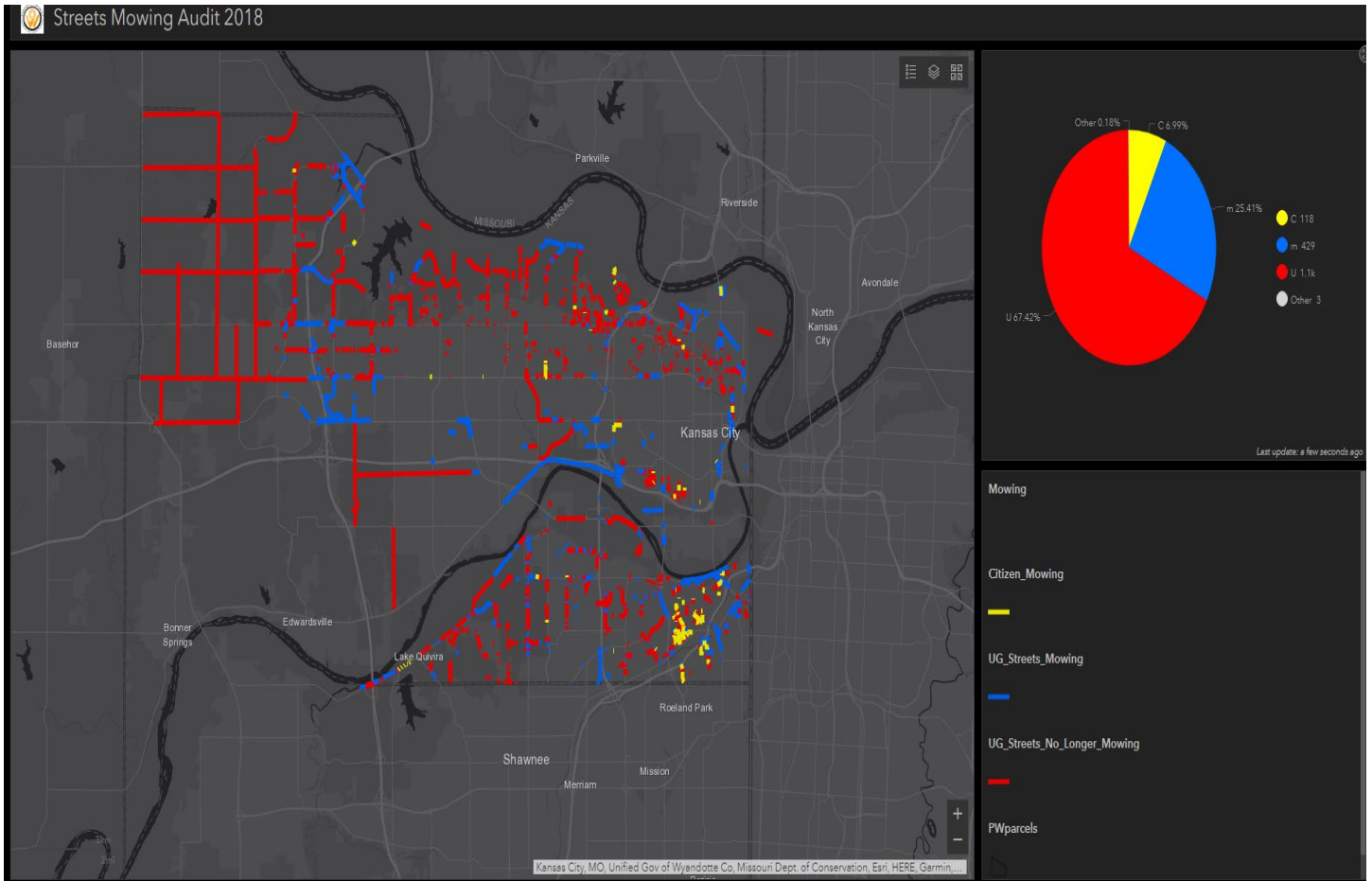
The return to compliance in 2019 allows Public Works to focus scarce resources on things like curb replacement, alleyway improvements, and increased pothole patching. Although improvements continue, the Unified Government's current mowing and trimming obligations, combined with staffing challenges and weather delays, make it difficult for teams to keep up with a regular rotation of service. Adding to the service map would result in negative outcomes in areas such as curb replacement and pothole patching.



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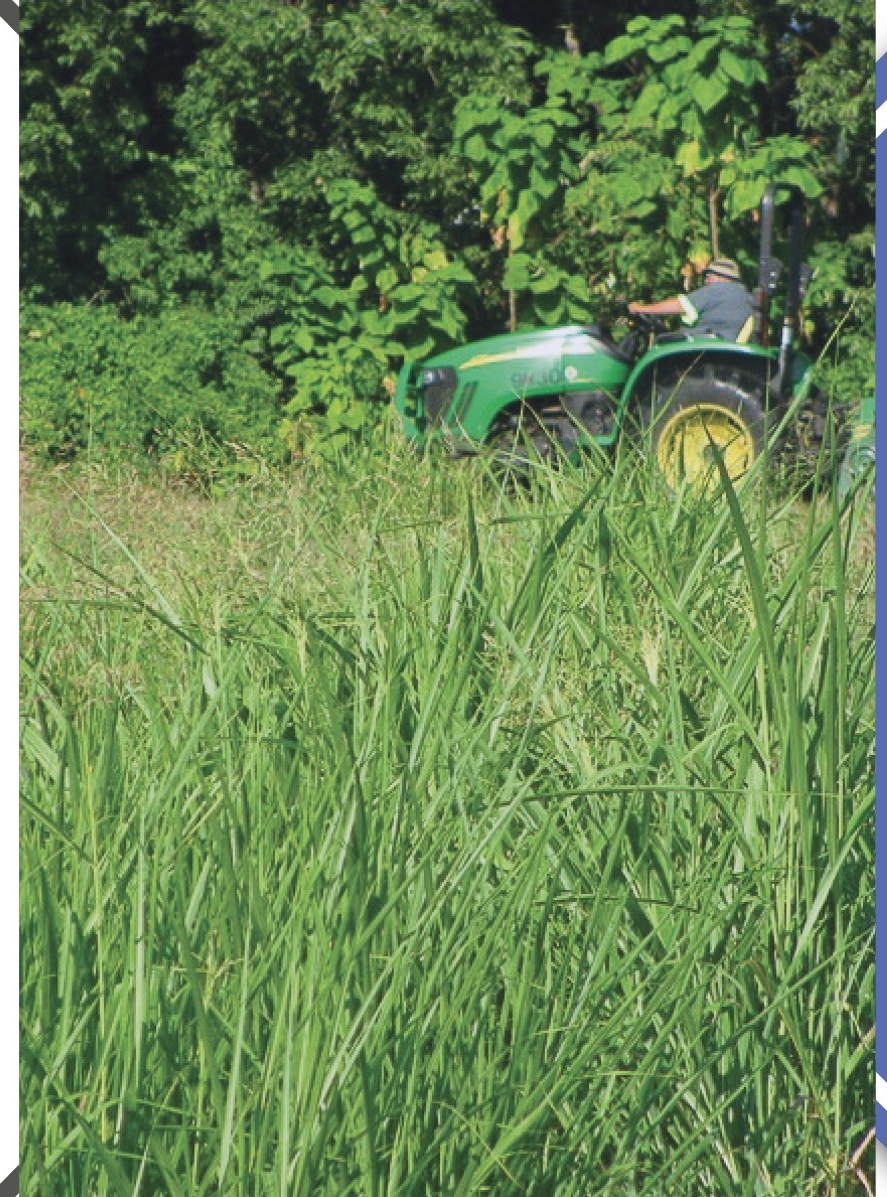
RIGHT-OF-WAY MOWING

March 27, 2023 Public Works & Safety Standing Committee



BACKGROUND

- 1** A 2017 internal review showed teams were mowing and trimming many areas of right-of-way on private property.
- 2** Mowing or trimming the right-of-way on private property is not in line with city ordinance.
- 3** Public Works created a plan with the Board of County Commissioners for returning to compliance with local ordinance in mid 2017.
- 4** Being in compliance created opportunities for Public Works teams to focus on street preservation and maintenance.



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WHAT DO OTHERS DO?

1

Kansas City, MO

Most comparable neighbor with similar staffing challenges.

- Internal crews mow and/or trim right-of-way on public property.
- Contractors mow and/or trim vacant lots.
- They have difficulty keeping up with responsibilities due to staffing issues.

2

Roeland Park, KS

- Only mow and/or trim publicly-owned property.
- Do not preemptively trim trees.
- Downed trees are removed from the street and placed on the property of origin.

WHAT DO OTHERS DO?

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Prairie Village, KS

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- Do not preemptively trim trees.
- Downed trees are removed from the street and placed on the property of origin.

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Leawood, KS

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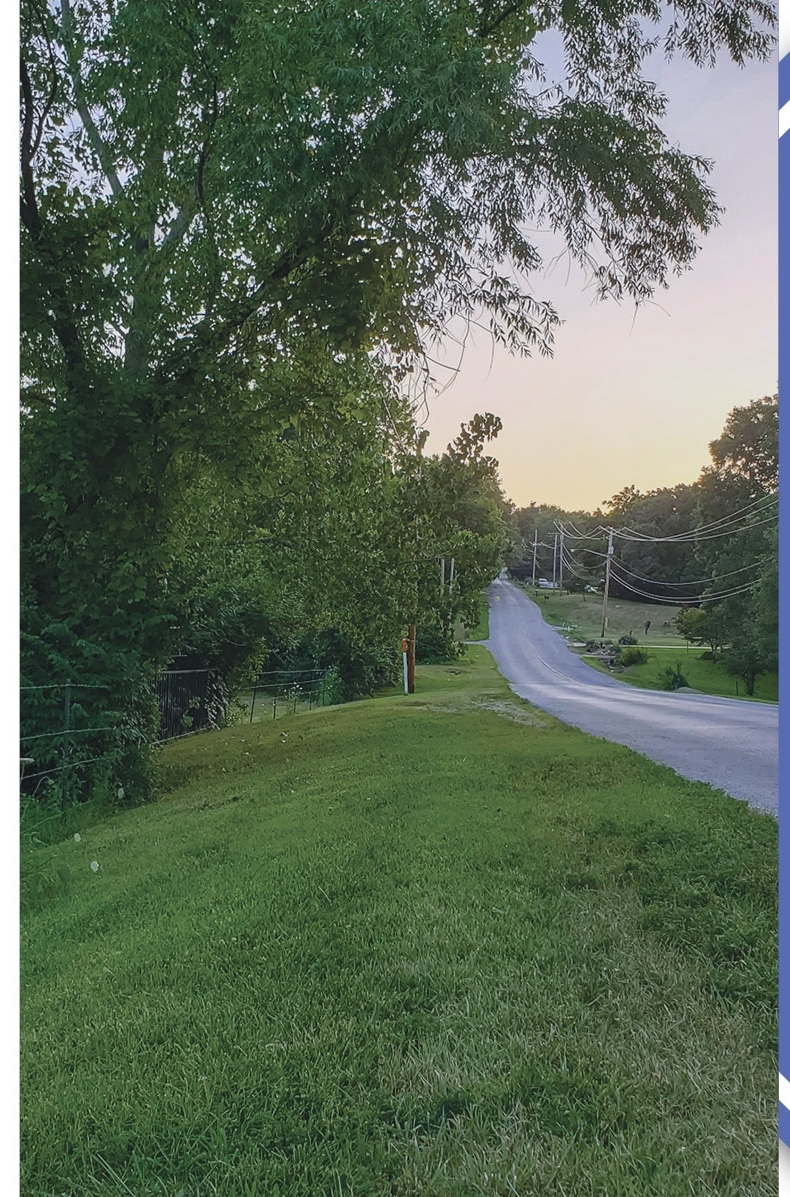
CURRENT PRACTICE

1 Street Maintenance Mowing Team

- Mows and/or trims the right-of-way on publicly-owned property.
- Downed trees in the right-of-way are moved from the street and placed on the property of origin.
- Does not preemptively trim trees.
- Mows and/or trims areas deemed hazardous to the public.
- Mows and/or trims around guardrails.

2 Requests for Assistance

- There will always be special cases
- Reviews resident/property owners requests with mowing and or trimming the right-of-way on private property.
- Locations are added regularly upon an in-field review



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS

1 More Street Maintenance

- Street teams focus scarce resources on critical street preservation activities like pothole patching, crack sealing, alleyway improvements, and curb replacement.
- As PCI declines, patching and sealing will become even more important.
- Saves money on equipment and equipment maintenance.

2 Focused & Fair Approach

- Community Survey respondents rank street maintenance as their top priority (2016, 2018, 2020, and 2022).
- No longer maintaining private property for some and not others.



DIRECTION NEEDED



What changes, if any, would you like to make?



Staff Request for Commission Action

Tracking No. 212327

Full Commission Meeting Date:

Committee: Public Works & Safety

Date of Standing Committee Action:

(If none, please explain): Information Only

Publication Required: No

<u>Date:</u> 03/14/2023	<u>Contact Name:</u> Jeff Fisher	<u>Contact Phone:</u> x5415	<u>Contact Email:</u> jfisher@wycokck.org	<u>Department/Division:</u> Public Works
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Item Description:

The Public Works Department will provide a quarterly update on new initiatives, programs and challenges, submitted by Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works.

For information only

Action Requested:

No Action, information only.

Budget Impact: (if applicable)

Amount:

Source:

Included In Budget:

Other (explain):

Attachments List:



Staff Request for Commission Action

Tracking No. 212314

Full Commission Meeting Date:

Committee: Public Works & Safety

Date of Standing Committee Action:

(If none, please explain):

Publication Required: No

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Contact Name:</u>	<u>Contact Phone:</u>	<u>Contact Email:</u>	<u>Department/Division:</u>
02/28/2023	Gunnar Hand	5751	ghand@wycokck.org	Planning and Urban Design

Item Description:

A presentation by the consultant team regarding the final recommendation of the East-West Corridor Study. This inter-jurisdictional (UG, KU Medical Center, KCATA, KCMO, KC Streetcar and Jackson County) project looks into enhanced transit between KU Medical Center and the Truman Sports Complex.

For information only

Action Requested:

Information Only

Budget Impact: (if applicable)

Amount:

Source:

Included In Budget:

Other (explain):

Attachments List:

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AHS Standing Committee

March 27, 2023



East-West
Transit Study
RideKC®

Project Overview



The Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA), in cooperation with several project partners, is evaluating an east-west high-capacity transit connection between The University of Kansas Health System and Rock Island Corridor/Truman Sports Complex (Kauffman Stadium and Arrowhead Stadium).

After nearly a year of studying potential alignment options and soliciting feedback from the public, the study team presented two narrowed scenarios for a potential high-capacity transit investment in the study area. Following the most recent round of engagement, a preliminary preferred alternative was selected.



Purpose and Need

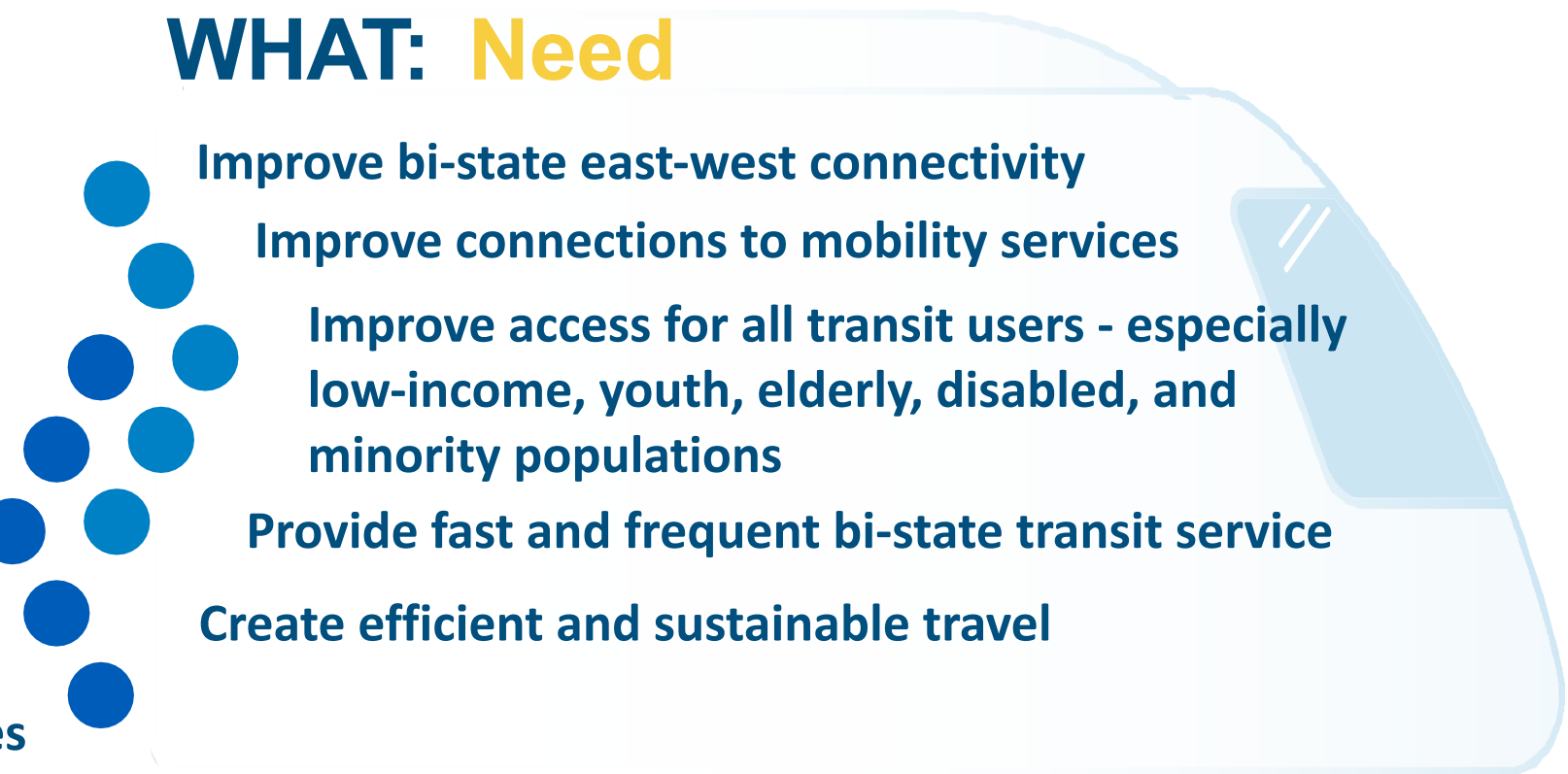
The **purpose and need statement** sets the stage for development and evaluation of solutions, also called alternatives. The **purpose** defines the transportation problem to be solved; and the **need** provides information to support the purpose.

WHY: Purpose



- Improve access to jobs, healthcare and housing
- Connect historically divided neighborhoods
- Increase connections to north-south corridors
- Reduce traffic congestion throughout the corridor
- Support local businesses and residential initiatives

WHAT: Need



- Improve bi-state east-west connectivity
- Improve connections to mobility services
- Improve access for all transit users - especially low-income, youth, elderly, disabled, and minority populations
- Provide fast and frequent bi-state transit service
- Create efficient and sustainable travel

Guiding Principles and Methodologies



RIDER EXPERIENCE

- Increase connections
- Improve rider accessibility
- Provide high-quality amenities and experience
- Create user-friendly experiences
- Provide direct, intuitive transportation alternatives



TRANSIT-SUPPORTIVE LAND USE

- Support compact and mixed-use development
- Connect historically separated communities
- Improve access to jobs, healthcare, education and housing
- Support local business and residential initiatives



SUSTAINABILITY

- Reduce emissions and adoption of low-or-no emission vehicles



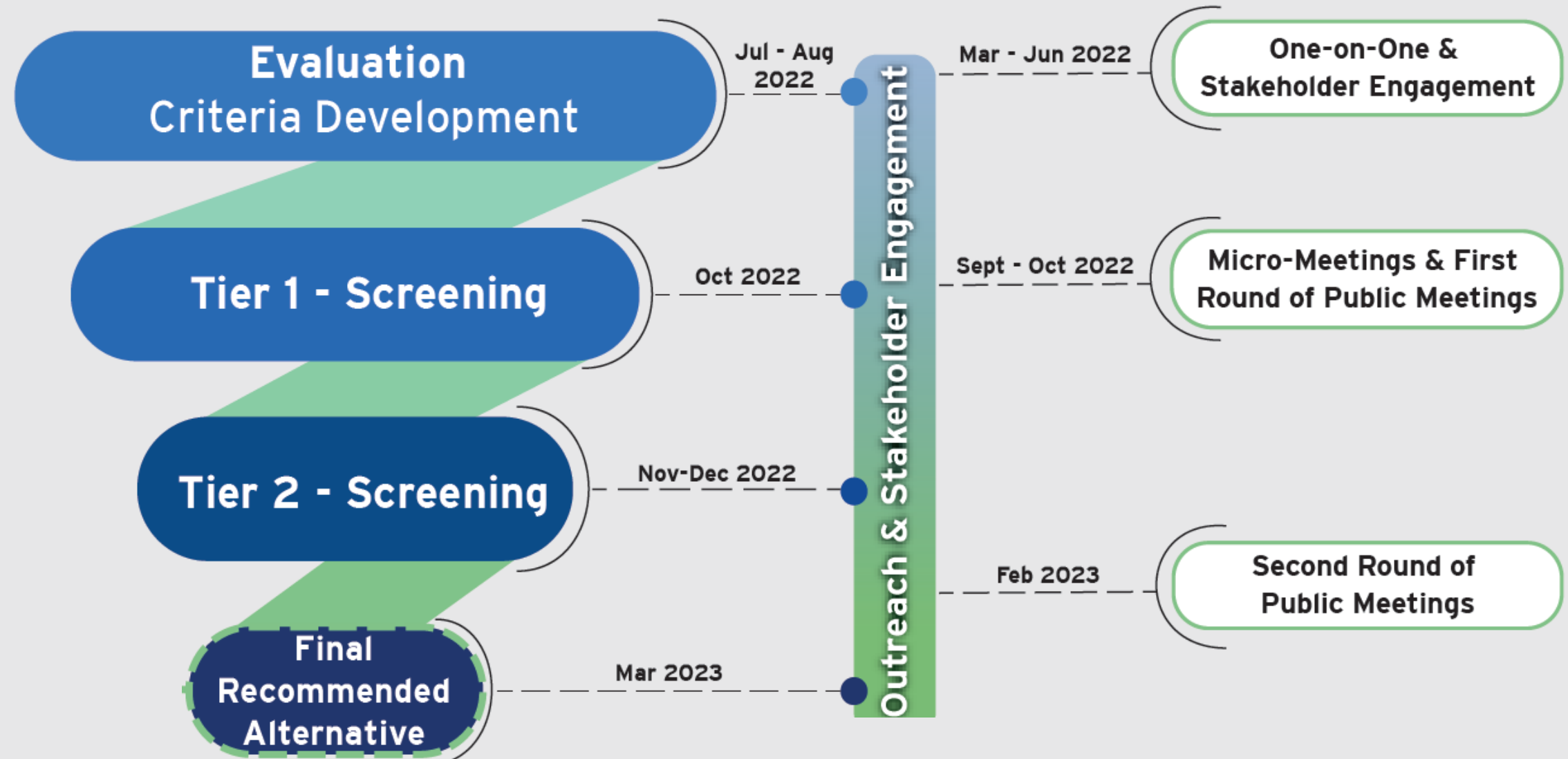
IMPLEMENTATION & OPERATIONS

- Increase transit speed and reliability
- Develop responsible and sustainable investments
- Gain buy-in from the public and key stakeholders



Project Timeline

WHERE
WE ARE



Public Engagement Overview

Public Survey Feedback



Initial Survey



- **1,881** total responses
- Received survey responses from **80** different zip codes.



- **853** open-ended responses recorded
- **854** email addresses collected

- **Question:** How important is enhancing future connections to east-west transit for you or your business? (1 = not important, 5 = very important). Average score: **3.75**
- **Question:** How important is transportation to support the economic and community vitality of the project study area? (1 = not important, 5 = very important) Average score: **4.4**

Screening Criteria

Which of these criteria are most important to you in evaluating this new transit route?

For the transit service alignment:

Maximize the following within a quarter-mile of the transit service alignment:

 Increase connections to other transit services		Existing population density
 Improve rider access to the transit network		 Existing employment density
 Serve the greatest number of transit riders		Future population density
 Increase the number of people who use transit over driving		 Future employment density
Achieve the fastest travel time through the corridor		Connections to affordable housing
Avoid options with project costs that are far above average for transit projects		 Connections to key activity centers
Avoid impacts to other roadway uses (driving lanes or parking lanes)		Connections to health-care facilities
Avoid costly obstacles such as bridges or major utilities		 Connections to planned development projects
Avoid private property acquisition due to right-of-way space constraints		Connections to planned development projects costing \$100,000 or more



Public Engagement Overview

Alternatives Engagement



- **2** In-person Public Meetings
- **3** Micro-Meetings
- **125** in-person participants in public/micro meetings



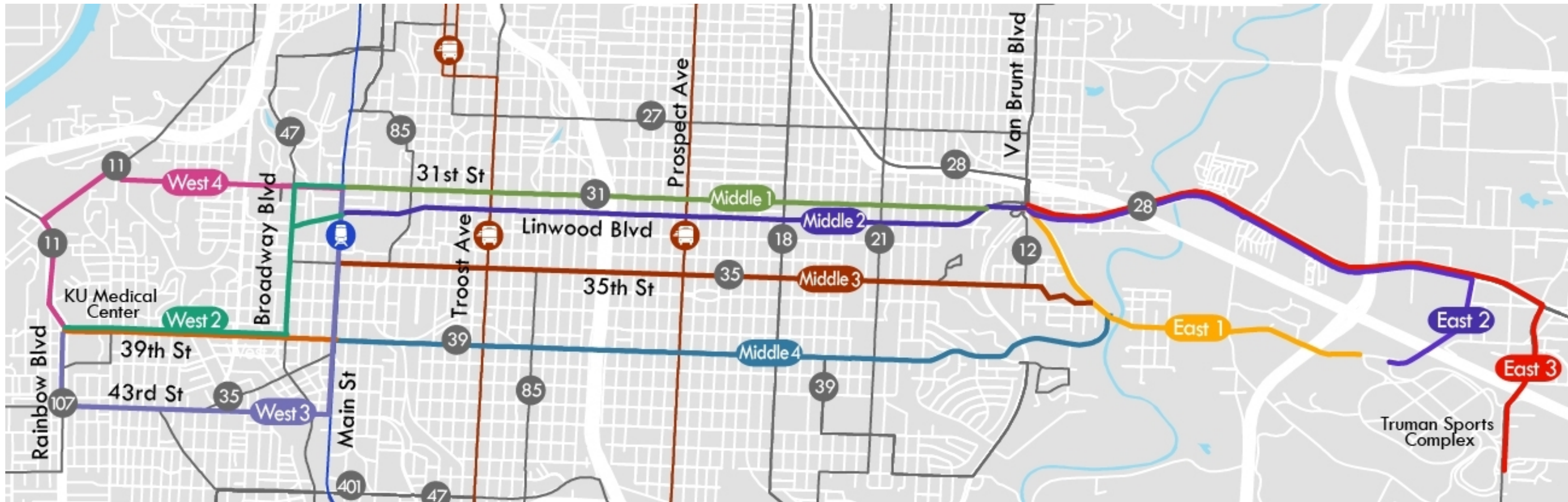
- **66** participants in virtual public meeting



- **899** survey responses
- Estimated **1,554** online participants
- Estimated **1,745** total participants leaving **293** comments

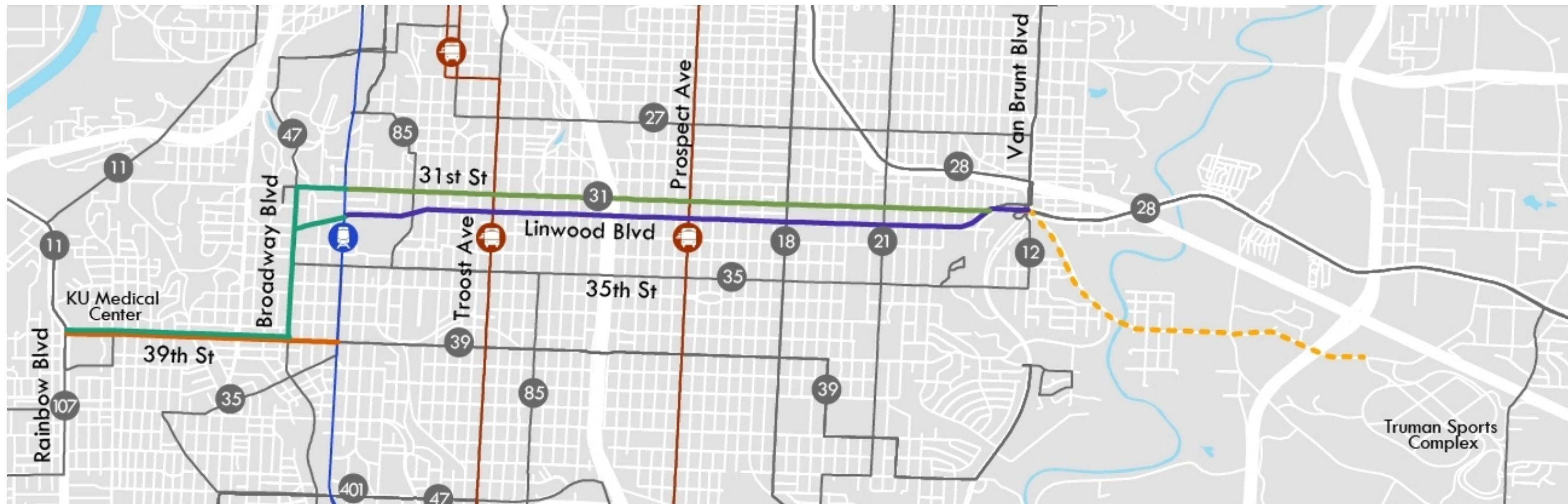
Transit Corridor Alignment Options

Initial segments evaluated in the early screening process:



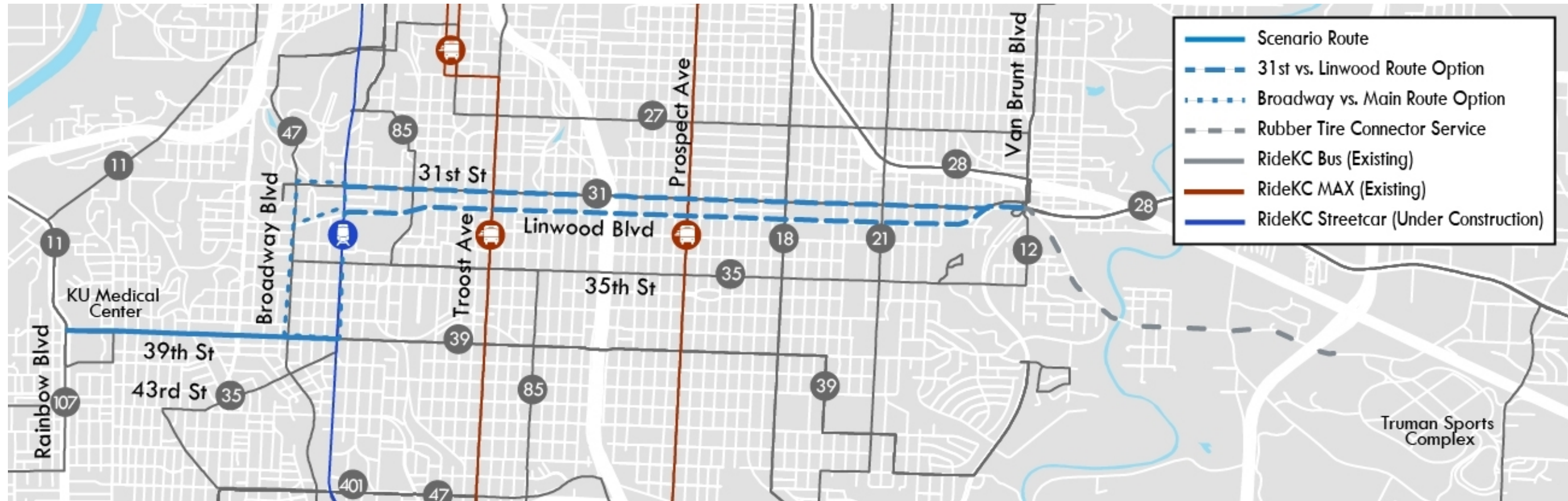
Screening Results

The screening process and detailed criteria analysis resulted in **two Scenarios** on the following alignments. The **two Scenarios** were presented for public feedback during February 2023 outreach.



Scenario 1: Streetcar

STREETCAR



Scenario 1: Streetcar



High ridership potential



High capital cost (\$450-600M) with greater economic development benefit



East of Van Brunt lacks the land use and density required for rail investment



High-quality amenities, high-capacity vehicles, and high frequency service



Rail construction causes significant traffic and corridor disruption

ONGOING CONSIDERATIONS

- ☐ 31st Street and Linwood Boulevard have similar ridership potential, but the corridors have different development character and roadway space available for transit infrastructure
- ☐ The Broadway vs. Main Street “connection” requires further evaluation (cost, operational flexibility, travel time, roadway constraints, etc.)
- ☐ Need for close coordination with municipalities and public on potential development and displacement policies

Scenario 1: Potential Streetcar Funding



Estimated Capital Cost: \$651 Million (~\$860 Million YOE)

Estimated Operating Cost: \$6 Million per Year

A combination of new local funding + federal funding is required. Potential options include:

		Capital Funding Potential	Operating Funding Potential	
Local	Existing KCMO Transit Taxes <i>(3/8th Cent Sales Tax or Mass Transportation Sales Tax)</i>			There is no capacity within existing tax revenues to fund capital debt or operations without substantially reducing existing services.
Local	Transportation Development District (TDD) <i>(Sales tax, special assessment, combination, or other)</i>			
Local	New Transit Funding <i>(City, County, or Regional Funding Initiative)</i>			The Main Street TDD funds about 50% of the project's capital cost + the majority of annual operations
Local	Private Sector Contribution			
Federal	Federal Transit Administration Capital Investment Grant (CIG) New Starts Program <i>(Typically 50% of capital cost)</i>			A similar East-West TDD would likely not yield enough revenue to cover project costs.
Federal	Other Federal Grants for Capital Funding <i>(Smaller amounts of the overall project cost)</i>			

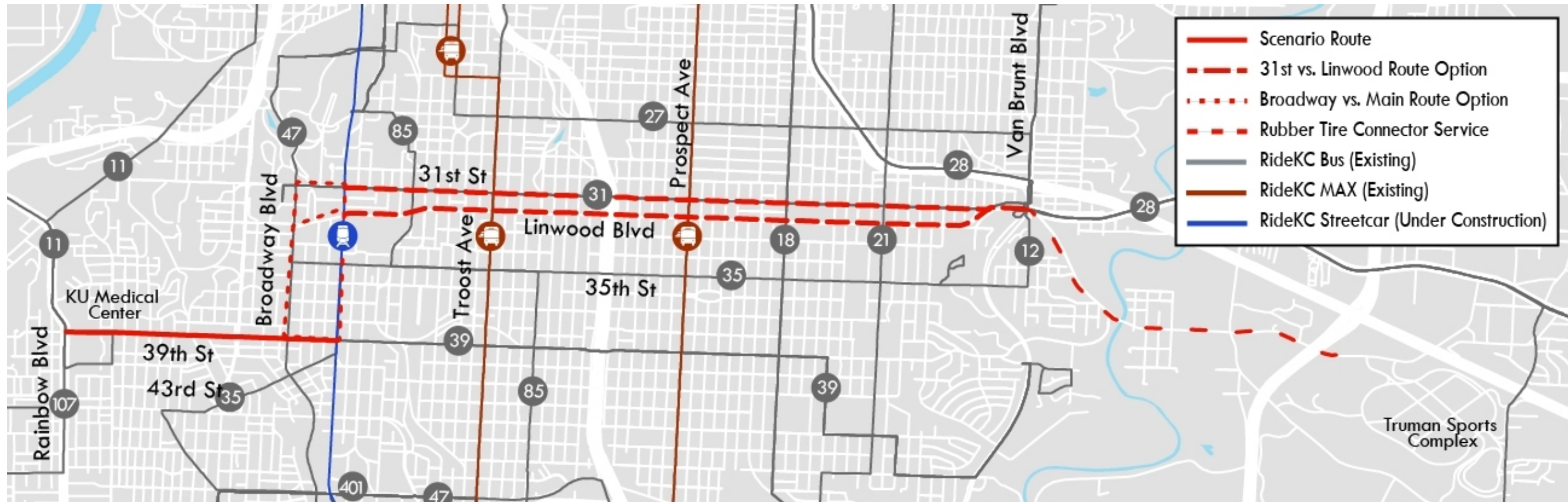
Scenario 1: Implementation

Scenario 1: Anticipated Streetcar Implementation Process



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Scenario 2: MAX Bus



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High ridership potential, but will attract fewer riders in comparison to Streetcar



Lower cost (\$30-60M) compared to Streetcar, but the economic development impact is also lower



East of Van Brunt lacks the land use and density required to support a capital investment in MAX stations



Provides branded, high-amenity stations and vehicles and high frequency service



MAX construction is less disruptive to traffic and corridor compared to Streetcar

ONGOING CONSIDERATIONS

- ❑ 31st Street and Linwood Boulevard have similar ridership potential, but the corridors have different development character and roadway space available for transit infrastructure
- ❑ The Broadway vs. Main Street “connection” requires further evaluation (e.g. land uses/developments to be served, space for MAX stations or dedicated lanes, transit service integration)
- ❑ Need for close coordination with municipalities and public on potential development and displacement policies

Scenario 2: Potential MAX Funding



Estimated Capital Cost: \$30-\$60 Million YOE
Estimated Operating Cost: \$4.3 Million per year

Local or federal funding would be needed for the capital cost.
Potential options include:

		Capital Funding Potential	Operating Funding Potential
Local	Existing KCMO Transit Taxes <i>(3/8th Cent Sales Tax or Mass Transportation Sales Tax)</i>		
Local	New Transit Funding <i>(City, County, or Regional Funding Initiative)</i>	✓	
Federal	Federal Transit Administration Capital Investment Grant (CIG) Small Starts Program <i>(Up to 80% of capital cost)</i>	✓	
Federal	Other Federal Grants for Capital Funding <i>(Up to 80% of capital cost)</i>	✓	

Additional service along the corridor would be covered by reallocation of existing operating resources.

Scenario 2: Implementation



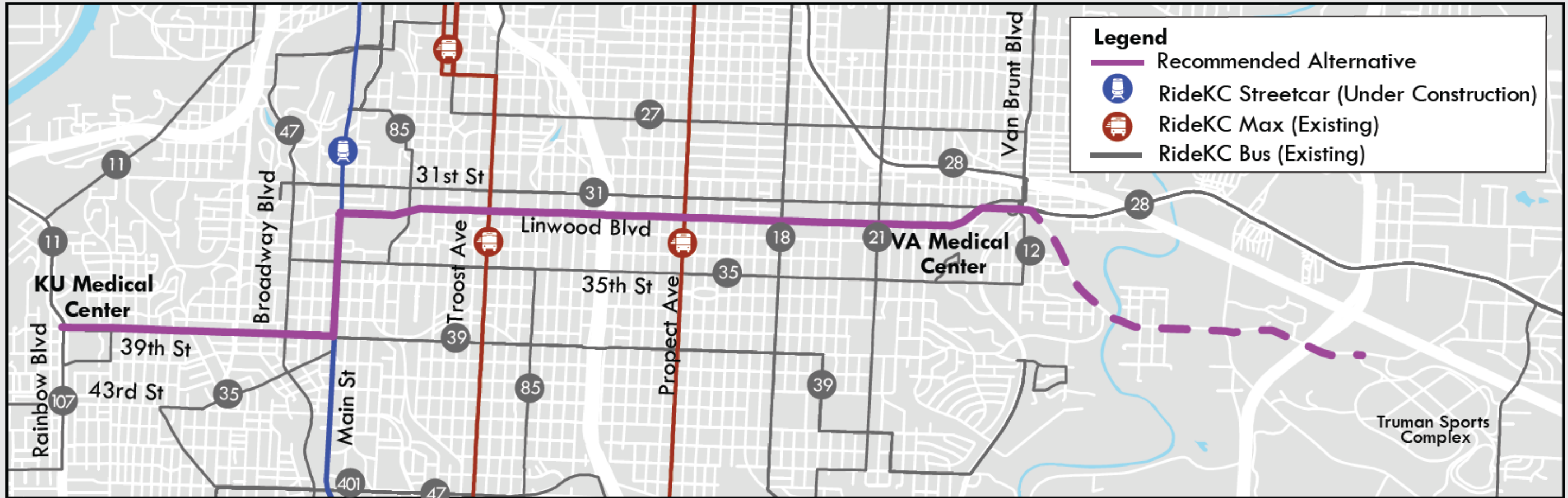
Scenario 2: Anticipated MAX Implementation

Process



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Recommended Alternative



NEXT STEPS

The East-West Study Team has submitted an application for a RAISE Planning Grant to advance the Project through project development. In the upcoming months, the East West Study Team will continue efforts to advance to a refined locally preferred alternative, advance discussions around land use policy, and local funding.