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**KC STREETCAR AUTHORITY LAUNCHES SOUTHERN STREETCAR EXTENSION
PLANNING**

(Kansas City, Missouri) – Today, the KC Streetcar Authority, in partnership with the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, issued a Request for Proposals for Design Services to extend the streetcar line south from Union Station to the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC).

The complete Request for Proposals can be found on the KC Streetcar website (www.kcstreetcar.org) and the City of Kansas City, MO, website (www.kcmo.gov). The KC Streetcar Southern Extension Technical Services will build upon the downtown streetcar service and will support work required to further develop and advance the southern extension towards UMKC.

“We are thrilled to be working hand-in-hand with our partner, the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, to detail specific plans for a southern streetcar extension and related bus improvements connecting downtown to University of Missouri, Kansas City’s campus,” said Tom Gerend, executive director, KC Streetcar Authority. “This effort is a critical step towards advancing the region’s transit vision and completing the due diligence that will be required to make this vision a reality.”

The KC Streetcar Southern Extension will focus on following:

- Data collection (utilities, current conditions, etc.)
- Refining alignment details (curb-running / center-running)
- Station stop locations and terminus configuration
- Plan for coordinated regional transit service integration and improvement
- Updated cost estimates
- Initiation of federal funding process

The primary study area for this effort extends from downtown Kansas City and Union Station, south to UMKC in the vicinity of 51st and Brookside Boulevard. The study area is generally bounded on the west by Broadway Boulevard and on the east Gillham Road. Proposals from qualified firms are due to the KC Streetcar Authority at 2:00 p.m. on May 2, 2017.

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