KC Streetcar

Main Street Extension

The KC Streetcar Main Street Extension will build upon the downtown streetcar service and further develop and advance a southward extension serving Midtown, the Plaza, and the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC). The Main Street Extension, together with the Downtown starter line and future Riverfront Extension, will form the spine that is essential for supporting an integrated regional transit system that connects people to opportunities and improves the quality of life for citizens throughout the Kansas City region.

The Main Street Extension area runs from the southern end of the current line at Union Station, south on Main Street to 51st Street. The project is expected to be completed by summer 2018 and will then move into a more detailed phase of design.

Why extend the streetcar southward?

- This route will form the spine that supports an integrated regional transit system and is the next piece of the region's transit strategy, Smart Moves 3.0. The complete strategy is online at kcsmartmoves.org.
- This proposed extension connects two of the largest employment centers in the region (Central Business District & Plaza).
- As KC Streetcar ridership continually increases, the need to provide additional service and track is in demand, making it the right time for the KC Streetcar Authority (KCSA) and their partners to move forward with the necessary engineering and planning work to make the project a reality.
- The funding district (TDD) has been approved by the voters (70% in favor) and the supportive governing board has been elected.
- Existing business associations (MainCor, Downtown Council, etc) and institutions along the route (UMKC, Kansas City Art Institute, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, and Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art) are strongly supportive and ready for implementation.
- New development is already happening in anticipation of an extension.

How is the project being funded?

This phase of planning is jointly funded by the KC Streetcar Authority (KCSA) and the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA). The KCSA and KCATA are part of RideKC. The Main Street Extension will become a key piece of achieving RideKC's vision of a seamless, efficient transit system that is easy to use no matter where you live, taking you where you need to go.

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What is being considered?

This phase of work will answer questions such as:

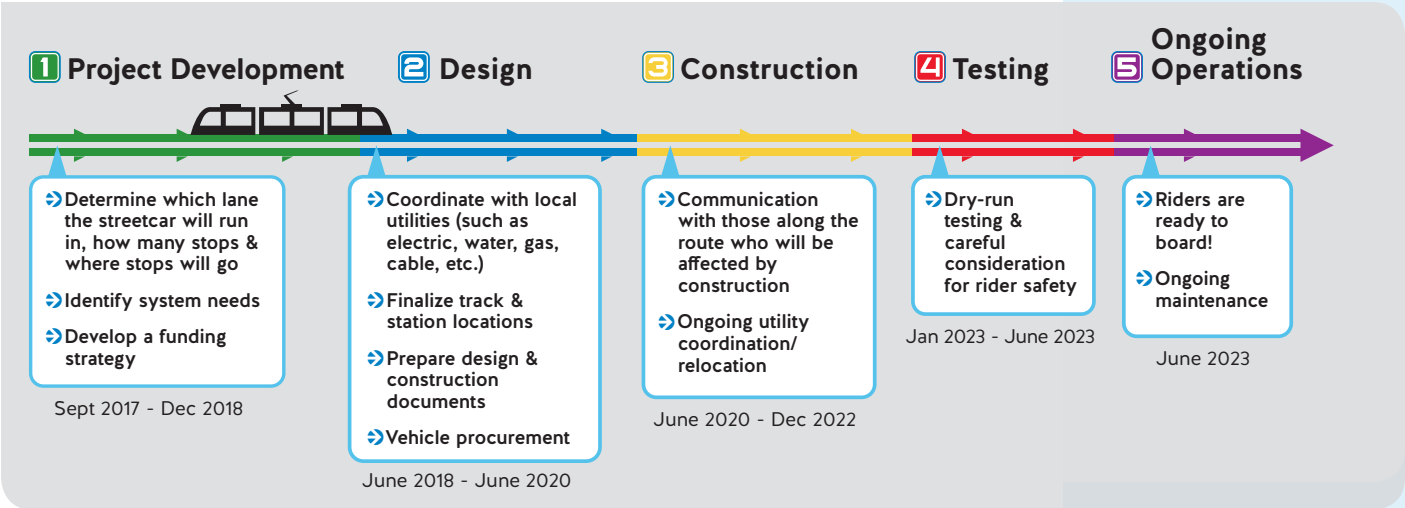
- In which lane of the road will the streetcar run?
- How will the streetcar line interact with bus services?
- How will the streetcar line affect traffic flow, parking, and business access on Main Street? How will it integrate with existing trails and bicyclists?
- How many station stops make sense? Where should these stops be located?
- How will the extension impact operations of the overall streetcar system?
- What are the anticipated costs (refined from previous studies)?

The Project Team will answer questions like these through data collection, analysis and public input throughout this phase of planning.

SYSTEM CONSIDERATIONS

What is the timeline for the Main Street Extension?

The project is expected to be completed by Summer 2018. A subsequent phase of the project will move into a more detailed phase of design. Additional next steps are highlighted below in the project lifecycle.



How can I participate?

Anyone interested in the future of the Main Street Extension is encouraged to send their contact information to the KC Streetcar Authority and Project Team at info@kcstreetcar.org to ensure you receive notification of community opportunities to provide feedback. You can also follow the project's progress and be alerted to public participation opportunities by following the KC Streetcar on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram at @kcstreetcar. Comments, questions and feedback are welcome anytime.

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