What is being studied?

The Streetcar Riverfront Extension Feasibility Study is exploring options to extend the existing KC Streetcar starter-line north to Kansas City’s Berkley Riverfront. The Study is led by a partnership between the KC Streetcar Authority, Port KC, and the KC Area Transportation Authority. Working closely with the City, this group is looking at how an extension could help link residents, businesses, and visitors to new and existing amenities, improve bicycle and pedestrian connections, while leveraging current developments to entice even more private investment and opportunities.

The final Study will include recommended streetcar extension route and stops, estimated costs to construct and operate, as well as potential funding strategies. The Study is anticipated to be complete by August 2017; any decision to advance the concept for additional details or implementation would be made after that time.

Why is an extension to the Riverfront being considered?

Connecting Downtown to our Riverfront is important for the continued development of Kansas City. A Streetcar Riverfront Extension gives Downtown residents, employees, and visitors access to the natural amenities of the Riverfront and exciting new uses coming on-line. Additionally, the streetcar will serve as a catalyst for the continued development of the Riverfront—providing future residents, employees, and visitors of the Riverfront easy access to Downtown and making both districts even more attractive to live, work and play.

Who would pay for a Streetcar Riverfront Extension?

The first step is determining the approximate construction and operating costs, as well as assessing overall technical and financial feasibility. If the Study shows the extension to be feasible, a detailed financial plan will be developed. It is anticipated the local share associated with the extension would come from revenue capture related to new and existing Riverfront development, state/federal programs, multi-modal grants, and other existing funding streams.

For more information, visit: www.kcstreetcar.org or contact Donna Mandelbaum at dmandelbaum@kcstreetcar.org or (816) 627-2526.

Efforts are currently underway to turn the Riverfront into Kansas City’s flagship outdoor recreational amenity. The area offers biking and pedestrian paths (Heritage Riverfront Trail), sand volleyball and kickball courts, dog parks and a natural wetlands area—connecting Downtown districts to these outdoor features will offer valuable quality of life benefits.