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**NORTHRAIL STREETCAR STUDY PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE**

Project Team Seeks Public Input on NorthRail Alignment Options

(Kansas City, Missouri) - The Kansas City Streetcar Authority (KCSA), the City of North Kansas City, Missouri (NKC), and the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA), in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Transportation and the City of Kansas City, Missouri, are studying the feasibility of a streetcar extension over the Missouri River, connecting the existing downtown KC Streetcar line with an extension into North Kansas City. This work is an update to a previous study conducted in 2014 prior to the opening of the current downtown KC Streetcar route.

The public is encouraged to attend the public open house meeting on Tuesday, June 28 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the North Kansas City YMCA located at 1999 Iron St. During this meeting, the project team will share the recommendations on the Missouri River crossing options, preferred alignments, and stop locations to connect Downtown Kansas City with North Kansas City via a Streetcar expansion. Study findings and recommendations are based on technical analysis and input from North Kansas City residents and businesses, existing transit riders, and regional stakeholders.

“The public’s input is vital to this study, and I am eager to learn more from them on which alignments and locations work best for their needs. The work by the project team as well as the community input will help us establish next steps to achieve our vision for thriving and sustainable development in NKC,” said North Kansas City Mayor Bryant DeLong.

In addition to alignment and recommendations, the final plan will outline the financial analysis of capital and operating costs, potential funding alternatives, and possible federal grant opportunities. The objective of the study is to evaluate overall feasibility and reach consensus on a locally preferred alternative based on community input.

“We are excited to continue the investigation of a potential streetcar extension north to better connect a rapidly growing North Kansas City and Northland,” said Tom Gerend, Executive Director of the KCSA. “These projects take years to prepare and now is the time to clarify our vision and work to push it forward.”

The primary study area extends from the existing downtown streetcar line in the River Market, across the Missouri River, to approximately 32nd Avenue in North Kansas City, Missouri. The study area is bounded on the west by the Armour-Swift-Burlington (ASB) Railroad Bridge and the BNSF railroad right of way and on the east by Charlotte and Swift Streets.

The public’s input is vital to the success of this project. All are encouraged to attend this important public meeting. This study is estimated to be complete by the end of 2022 and is led by Kimley-Horn, with support from Economic & Planning Systems (EPS), Venice Communications, TranSystems, and Hg Consult.

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