



KCATA Key Facts:

- The Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) was created in 1965 by a compact authorized by state legislatures in Missouri and Kansas and approved by Congress.
- KCATA is the regional transit authority. The Authority's jurisdiction covers a seven-county area, including Johnson, Leavenworth and Wyandotte counties in Kansas and Cass, Clay, Jackson and Platte counties in Missouri.
- In addition to its core bus operations in Kansas City, Mo., the KCATA manages and coordinates public transit operations in Johnson County, Independence and Wyandotte County.
- KCATA operates and manages regional transit service under the RideKC brand.
- KCATA headquarters are located in downtown Kansas City, Mo. with a satellite office in Olathe, Kan.
- The Authority is governed by a 10-member board, five each from Missouri and Kansas.
- KCATA's 2017 budget is \$96.5 million with nearly two-thirds of the funding coming from sales taxes generated in Kansas City, Mo.
- As the regional transit authority, KCATA is responsible for short-term planning for public transportation and is the agency designated to receive federal formula transit funds for the Kansas City area.

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TO OPPORTUNITIES**

Major Projects

Innovation: KCATA is piloting several new programs tailored to meet rider demands, including a regional taxi voucher program in which anyone 65 and older or with a disability can go anywhere they want – any time they want – up to 10 miles for \$5 each way. The program was deployed in Johnson County, Kan. and eastern Jackson County. The KCATA also piloted a new program allowing anyone with a disability to use regular bus service throughout the region for free.

New transit corridor: The KCATA joined with Jackson County, Mo. to purchase the Rock Island Rail corridor running from the Truman Sports Complex to Lee's Summit. The corridor will start as a biking and hiking trail, evolving into a high capacity transit corridor connecting eastern Jackson County to downtown.

Enhanced bus service: A top priority is bringing bus rapid transit service to Prospect Avenue on Kansas City's east side, similar to what already operates on Main Street and Troost Avenue. New technology such as smart digital kiosks, ticket-vending machines and audible crosswalk alerts could be introduced to Prospect Avenue as part of the project.

Economic development: The KCATA is working to bring a mix of offices and retail stores to a park-and-ride lot at 3rd Street and Grand Boulevard in the River Market. The project will provide easy connections to the downtown streetcar, express bus routes and short-term bike rentals. As demonstrated at the 3rd and Grand project, the KCATA can leverage economic development tools to encourage development that accesses transportation alternatives.



**2016
REGIONAL
TRANSIT
RIDERSHIP**
16.2
million rides

KCATA
13.9 million

Johnson County
451,231

Independence
275,278

Unified Government
157,990

KC Streetcar
1.4 million

Regional Services:

MAX-Bus Rapid Transit Service: Frequently compared to light rail on wheels, this express service operates on Main Street and Troost Avenue in Kansas City, Mo. The MAX routes provide faster service because stations are placed farther apart than local service. MAX routes include sleek shelters with amenities such as real-time arrival information for passengers, traffic-signal priority, and host specifically constructed and branded buses.

Downtown Streetcar: The Streetcar operates along a 2.2-mile route on Main Street between the River Market and Union Station. The Streetcar is owned by Kansas City, Mo. and is operated by the Kansas City Streetcar Authority. Fare is free. The KCATA supports the streetcar by allowing use of its radio system, the agency's call center answers rider questions. If streetcar service is disrupted, the KCATA fills the gap with bus service and we can provide planning and scheduling services. The Authority offers free transit service to riders with disabilities in the downtown area who can't independently use the rail line.

Local Bus Service: This is the traditional bus service that most people recognize. There are 68 local bus routes serving 11 jurisdictions across the metro area including Kansas City, Mo., Johnson County, Kan.; Independence; Kansas City, Kan.; North Kansas City; Raytown; Riverside; and Gladstone.

Commuter Express: Across the region, express bus routes link the suburbs to downtown Kansas City. Three routes link downtown Kansas City to the Missouri-side suburbs of Lee's Summit, Blue Springs and Liberty. On the Kansas side, express routes serve Overland Park, Olathe, Shawnee and Gardner. Express service also is available between Johnson County and Lawrence on Kansas 10.

Bridj: In a unique pilot program, KCATA partners with Boston-based Bridj to offer on-demand transit service using data to form bus routes based on where riders travel. Using a mobile app, riders request shuttle service via pop-up shuttle stations. Service area includes downtown Kansas City, River Market, Hospital Hill, Crown Center, portions of Midtown, the 18th and Vine Jazz District, the University of Kansas Medical Center, Westwood and Roeland Park.

RideKC Van: This service provides vans to groups of commuters who join up to regularly ride to work. Riders pay an affordable, low monthly fare for the service.

Paratransit Services: Transit service is available regionally for riders with disabilities as well as seniors through a variety of programs like RideKC Taxi, RideKC Freedom, Dial-A-Ride, IndeAccess and Special Edition. The KCATA's also piloting several new programs tailored to meet rider convenience, including RideKC Freedom On-Demand, a new app-based service giving riders the ability to summon a taxi 24/7.