

*You're Invited:*

# KC Streetcar 101

## Public Meetings

***Now is the time to get an update*** on the KC Downtown Streetcar project, learn how it would operate, and talk with project team members about how construction effects can be minimized. We want to hear your thoughts at the upcoming public meetings!



### **How will KC Downtown Streetcar work?**

A 2-mile starter line for a modern Streetcar has been proposed to run on Main Street from the River Market on the north, through the Central Business District and the Crossroads areas, to Union Station and Crown Center on the south. It would run in an existing street lane and other vehicles could still use that lane. It would operate seven days a week. Stops would be located every two blocks with streetcars arriving approximately every 10 minutes in each direction.

The City is working closely with downtown stakeholders on governance issues, such as: who will operate/maintain the Streetcar, how decisions will be made during and after construction, fare policy, and numerous other topics. A mayoral committee is being formed to help structure a legal framework over the next several months.

### **Has everything been decided?**

Not at all. The team is fleshing out the details of the route (e.g., which lane the streetcar will run in, specific stop locations, site for a vehicle maintenance facility, effects on traffic/parking, etc.). Current concept drawings will be available at the public meetings.

Issues such as noise and vibration along with traffic and construction effects are being investigated so they can be minimized or mitigated. Now is the time to talk with project members so we can consider and incorporate your suggestions during the engineering phase.

### **How will construction affect me?**

Building a streetcar line is different from building a road or even light-rail transit. Construction will be completed in segments (perhaps 2 – 3 blocks at a time), and the City will work with business owners and residents along the route to minimize disruptions. Photos of typical streetcar construction will be displayed at the public meetings.

### **How will the Streetcar be funded?**

The City applied for \$25 million in federal funds (TIGER grant) in March; announcements of grant winners are expected to be made by early June. The City is proposing that a Transportation Development District (TDD) be approved by downtown voters to help pay a portion of the costs through property assessments, sales tax and other sources. The Jackson County Circuit Court approved sending the question to the voters in the District, and a mail-in vote on the formation of the TDD will occur over the summer. Details of the TDD proposal, as well as applications required to obtain a mail-in ballot, will be available at the public meetings.

### **What's the schedule?**

Construction is expected to begin in mid- to late 2013, and to be completed by late 2014. Opening day is expected by mid-2015.



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## **KC Streetcar 101: Downtown Streetcar Public Meetings**

Join us for one of three open house public meetings featuring  
brief presentations at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 pm.

### **Tuesday, May 15**

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Helzberg Auditorium  
Kansas City Public Library -  
Downtown Branch  
14 W 10th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64105

### **Wednesday, May 16**

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Atrium  
Steamboat Arabia Museum  
400 Grand Boulevard  
Kansas City, MO 64106

### **Thursday, May 17**

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Arthur Stilwell Room  
(C-Level near Grand Gallery)  
Union Station  
30 West Pershing Rd.  
Kansas City, MO 64108

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