

Workshop Overview

Jackson County Commuter Corridors AA TOD Workshop

Date – February 6th to February 8th, 2012

Location – Ennovation Center (201 N Forest Ave., Independence, MO)

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), in partnership with Jackson County, the City of Kansas City and the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA), is currently undertaking an Alternatives Analysis (AA) for the East and Southeast Corridors. Defining existing and future land use and economic development opportunities plays an important role in shaping the Alternatives Analysis process and laying the vision for communities as they anticipate the coming of transit. Because the Jackson County Commuter AA is in the process of identifying alignment and station locations, now is the opportunity for communities to provide input into station locations, layout and integration with surrounding neighborhoods.

The purpose of this three day-workshop is to discuss TOD from a corridorwide perspective and at a station-by-station level. The following summarizes the primary goals from the workshop:

1. Initiate a corridor-wide TOD dialogue and recommend actions to maximize TOD opportunities.
2. Review the principles of successful TOD, barriers to implementation, and market considerations.
3. Identify opportunities and challenges for various station locations based on an interactive "mini-charrette" with each jurisdiction (jurisdictions participating in the workshop include Independence, Blue Springs, Kansas City, Raytown, Lee's Summit, Greenwood, Pleasant Hill, Oak Grove and Grain Valley).

Product:

The product from this workshop will be a final report which summarizes the workshop process and findings from each "mini-charrette." A set of recommendations, next steps, responsibilities and timeframes will be incorporated into the report, both at a corridorwide level and jurisdiction level. It is our hope that this charrette serves as a platform for future corridorwide dialogue amongst MARC, Jackson County, the KCATA, and jurisdictions along both corridors.

