## PROSPECT AVE MAX)

KANSAS CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

The Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) and the City of Kansas City, Mo. (KCMO) are aggressively pursuing the expansion of its transit network. Following the completion of planning studies, the KCATA and KCMO will pursue federal funding for four transit corridors, including consideration of Small Starts, New Starts, Program of Interrelated Projects, and other programs.

KCMO, KCATA, and the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) are working together, seeking to partner with the federal government to create a model for accelerated project delivery based upon the advice and guidance of the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration.

## **Proposed Transit Expansion Corridors**

Transit Corridor	Length: Route Miles	Weekday Ridership	Capital Cost (2019\$)
Prospect Ave. MAX	9.1	5,400	\$43M
Main St. Plus Streetcar	3.5-9.8	4,900-5,300	\$230M-426M
Independence Ave. Streetcar	2.2-3.5	3,400-3,700	\$129M-219M
Linwood Blvd./31st St. Streetcar	1.7-3.1	2,100-3,700	\$104M-186M

## **Project Description:**

KCATA has developed a plan for enhanced transit service along Kansas City's Prospect Ave. Corridor from downtown to the vicinity of 75th St. The Prospect Corridor is served by KCATA's second busiest route, 71 Prospect, with about 6,000 passengers on a typical weekday. The transit service enhancement under consideration is the upgrade to MAX bus rapid transit (BRT) service. KCATA MAX routes on Main St. and Troost Ave. have been successful in terms of attracting new transit passengers and creating convenient, high visibility stations.

The US 71 Transit Study conducted by MARC in 2012 identified MAX on Prospect as the locally preferred alternative for a major transit enhancement in the US 71/Prospect Ave. corridor.

MAX service on Prospect would include enhanced passenger stations, electronic real-time bus arrival signs, distinctive new buses and faster more reliable service.

Community leaders have voiced their support for Prospect MAX as a means to improve mobility in the corridor and help encourage new development and redevelopment along Prospect Ave. Existing



developments such as Alpha Pointe at 75th St. and Research Medical Center at Meyer Blvd. rely on current transit service. New development such as the new KCPD East Patrol Division Headquarters at 27th St. and the new Aldi's grocery store at 39th St. add to the list of attractions served by transit.

Prospect MAX will link with the proposed streetcar lines at 31st St./Linwood and Prospect supporting an already strong transit network in the community. Prospect MAX will operate along 12th St. into the downtown area and connect with the downtown streetcar line at 12th and Main St.









Map of Proposed Build-out of Transit Expansion Corridors





