JOPLIN REGIONAL TRANSIT STUDY



OVERVIEW

In 2023, the City of Joplin was awarded the FTA's Areas of Persistent Poverty grant to study feasible options that will promote more ridership in areas considered historically disadvantaged communities or designated as areas of persistent poverty. The project is broken up into five tasks:

- Define Project Success for Partners
- Community Engagement and Information Gathering
- Feasibility Assessment
- Revenue Sources and Recommendations
- Implementation plan

These five tasks will be completed between January and December of 2025.

STUDY

This project builds upon the 2020 Joplin Transit System Analysis and will help inform service planning, revenue analysis and governance and delivery model recommendations to help make Joplin's transit system more financially and operationally sustainable.

We will be working with transit riders, area leaders, community organizations, the business community, and other stakeholders to discover what's next for transit in the Joplin metro area.

NEXT STEPS

1. Stakeholder interviews

We will meet with City leaders in April and May to hear their needs and collaborate on possible solutions.

2. Trolley ridealongs

We will conduct in-person surveys on the Sunshine Lamp trolley in July to hear directly from transit riders.

3. Public presentation

We will present findings and recommendations to the public this fall.

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DEFINING TRANSIT SYSTEM SUCCESS

SUSTAINABILITY

- Operational Sustainability
- Responsiveness to Growth
- Regional Community Input

ACCESS TO DESTINATIONS

- Hospitals and Healthcare
- Residential Access
- Affordable Housing
- Education Centers
- Regional Communities

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Connecting Workers to Jobs
- Connecting the Community to Shopping and Services
- Affordable Transportation Options for the Public

Scan the QR Code to access the public survey!

Project Survey

Do you use transit in the Joplin region? ____ Yes ____ No

If so, what transit services do you use?

What destinations should transit serve that aren't being served today?

What do you think is the biggest challenge for making transit service better?

To what extent do you agree with this statement? Our area needs a regional transit system that connects people with destinations in communities outside of Joplin.

Strongly Agree Agree Somewhat Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

Please prioritize the most important outcomes of a successful transit system for the Joplin region (with #1 being most important):

_____ Is operationally sustainable

_____ Provides access to destinations

_____ Promotes economic development

Are there any other comments about the study you'd like to share?