

Berkley Riverfront Park Streetcar Extension Feasibility Study

What:

Preliminary study to assess general feasibility, potential, and merit for northern extension of KC Streetcar to connect to Berkley Riverfront Park. Beyond the KC Streetcar, the feasibility study will look at all transit options to connect downtown to the Riverfront including biking, walking and on-demand transit.

Why:

Berkley Riverfront Park is adjacent to downtown Kansas City and the existing downtown Kansas City Streetcar starter-line. The Riverfront district has long been planned for improvement and redevelopment but has been hindered by limited access due to topography, railroad tracks, and constrained transportation connections despite its close proximity (1/2 mile from current route).

A northern streetcar extension would link the downtown core at 3rd and Grand directly to our historic riverfront, providing valuable recreation and quality of life benefits, and serving as a catalyst for activating, densifying, and expediting development plans currently underway.

Who:

The Kansas City Streetcar Authority, Port KC and the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) will serve as partners during this preliminary study.

Study Considerations:

The KC Streetcar Riverfront Extension Feasibility Study would address the following considerations.

- Purpose and Need of Extension
- Extension Alignment and Configuration
- Operational Strategies
- Capital and Operator Costs
- Financial Feasibility
- Public Participation and Input

Timeline:

The feasibility study is expected to take approximately 6 months to complete. Any decision to advance the concept for additional detailed study or implementation would be made after completion of the feasibility study.

Once approved by the KC Streetcar Authority Board and the Port KC Board of Commissioners, a Request for Proposals (RFP) will be jointly issued with a 30+ day response period. Interviews and selection of a qualified bidder will be made with work estimated to start shortly thereafter.

Cost of Study:

The estimated cost of the feasibility study is \$225,000, although a formal scope will be negotiated with a selected vendor at the conclusion of an open procurement process. The cost of the study will be a shared cost between the Kansas City Streetcar Authority, Port KC and the KCATA.

Who Pays for the Extension:

Should the study show the extension is feasible, the cost would be sustained with the Berkley Riverfront through the Port Improvement District (PID) and lease revenue. Port KC would also seek grants and federal funds to help with costs.

**Contact:**

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