



Regional Council and Jackson County. Regional transit studies are noted in the local plans. Like other planning documents for infrastructure or service programs (e.g. Thoroughfare Master Plan, Greenway Master Plan), the Transit Study has limited applicability over time before an update is necessary to account for the many changes in demographics, community growth/development, service innovations and alternatives, funding, etc. This Transit Study provides an assessment of existing transit services and ridership demand. Based on the current assessment, the study evaluates options that may be considered to address current and future transit needs and explore opportunities for enhanced service, service alternatives, improved financial program management and/or increased use.

This Transit Study for Lee's Summit was authorized and managed by staff through its agreement with the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) as the designated administrator of Lee's Summit's Federal Transit Administration Funding and their on-call consultant, Olsson Associates. This study was completed in February 2016, and then presented to the Public Works Committee in August, 2016. Staff was asked to advance the more immediate study recommendations and propose a detailed plan for consideration by City Council to implement. Staff has continued to work with KCATA and OATS to scope a practical and affordable approach for implementing the recommendation of on-demand service consolidation (i.e. OATS and KCATA Route 252).

The study and City Staff recommend consolidation of KCATA Route 252 and OATS. Before staff prepares service contracts that incorporate recommended transit service changes, staff seeks concurrence with City Council on the direction, definition and impact the recommended changes may incur. KCATA transit service contracts are considered annually on the calendar year-end cycle, so end of 2016 is the time to consider contract renewals effective January 1, 2017. City Staff is requesting Public Works Committee to direct City Staff to process contract renewals with KCATA implement the recommendation proposed in the study.

Impact/Analysis:

Timeline:

Other Information/Unique Characteristics:

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Recommendation: