

Legislation Text

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Issue/Request:

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Key Issues:

A presentation of the attached Transit Study will be made to City Council Public Works Committee followed by discussion. The Transit Study is an assessment of existing transit services, ridership demand and options that may be considered to address current and future transit needs and opportunities for enhanced service, service alternatives, improved financial program management and/or increased use.

Although no recommendation for approval by the City Council from Public Works Committee is requested at this time, the Public Works Committee may provide staff helpful direction upon their review of the study and its conclusions for the initiation and implementation of transit service and/or management changes.

Proposed Committee Motion:

Background:

The Transit Study is the basis (or plan) for new, sustained or changed transit services offered in Lee's Summit. A study was first done in 2000. Another, the most recent study was started in 2007 and completed in 2009. Thus, it has been about 8 years since the last study. 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 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. Representatives from KCATA and Olsson Associates should be available for the study presentation and discussion. They may also be available for questions and response to not only local transit issues, but regional transit projects, programs and services whether or not directly impacting Lee's Summit.

Impact/Analysis:

Timeline:

Other Information/Unique Characteristics:

Presenter: Bob Hartnett, Deputy Director of Public Works

Recommendation:

City Council Recommendation: The City Council referred this discussion to the Public Works Committee.