

Bistate Sustainable Corridor

A transformational framework for strategic, integrated investment of new federal resources in greater Kansas City's key urban opportunity corridor.



The Bistate Sustainable Corridor is a cooperative effort to create and implement a transformational strategy to enhance mobility, transform communities and reduce carbon emissions by focusing a wide range of federal and local investments on a key regional transit corridor that connects three major cities in two states and two counties along State Avenue, Independence Avenue and Truman Road.

Objective and Vision

This initiative will identify opportunities, approaches, and funding to demonstrate how sustainable communities might be developed in and around a high-capacity, zero-emission transit corridor. This program will support the region's Climate Action Plan and the regional transit vision of improved access to housing, health care, employment, and education, and may be replicated in other corridors nationally and in the Kansas City region.

Corridor Information

The corridor would link:

- 24-mile-long corridor in 2 states (Kansas and Missouri)
- Two counties (Wyandotte, Kansas and Jackson, Missouri)
- Three cities – Kansas City, Kansas; Kansas City, Missouri; Independence, Missouri
- Two congressional districts (Missouri's 5th and Kansas 3rd congressional districts)

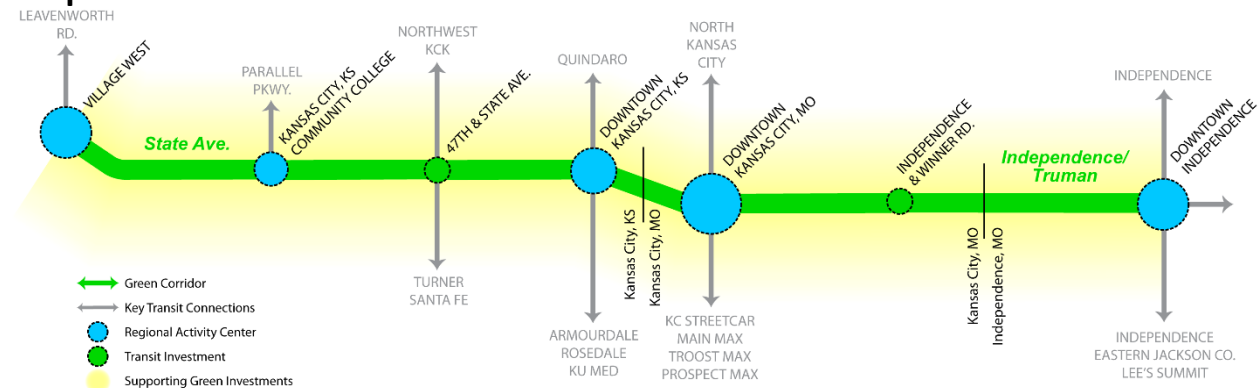
Features include:

- Connections to existing KC Streetcar, Troost and Prospect MAXx services.
- Approximately 84,980 jobs and 90,810 residents within ½ mile of corridor directly served by improvements.
- Connections to major activity centers along route: Village West District; Kansas City Kansas Community College; Downtown Kansas City, KS; Downtown, Kansas City, MO; Kansas City University; 47th & State / East Village/ Independence Transit Centers; Historic Independence Square; major historic neighborhoods

Partners include civic and business organizations along with:



Proposed Corridor



Program Goals

- Position the corridor for early action on large scale, strategic investments via a variety of new federal funding opportunities.
- Accelerate implementation of planned community-based investments.
- Demonstrate the potential of integrated investments in zero-emission transit, green infrastructure, affordable housing, workforce development, childcare access, and other basic services to enhance neighborhood vibrancy, affordability, equity, and connectivity as a model for other corridor-based programs.

Comprehensive Coordinated Investments

- **Zero-emission transportation:** Fast, frequent transit; electric buses; new mobility hubs; pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.
- **Affordable housing:** Energy-efficient retrofits; new units and construction; transit-oriented development.
- **Green infrastructure:** Enhanced tree canopy; stormwater best management practices; electric vehicle charging; district power generation; residential solar panels.
- **Economic development:** Workforce training; childcare access; small business support.
- **Broadband access:** Infrastructure for wired and wireless service; capacities; equipment.
- **Safety and security enhancements:** Shot spotter; license plate readers; Community Improvement Districts; other public safety technology.
- **Public Schools and Libraries:** Renewable energy and energy efficiency projects

Transformative Outcomes

- Enhanced access to opportunities for a disadvantaged but promising corridor.
- Reduced emissions and increased climate resilience.
- Promote and demonstrate green solutions and innovations.
- Trained workforce for the future.
- Spur private investment to create a dynamic urban opportunity corridor.

