

Prospect MAX BRT
Kansas City, Missouri
Small Starts Project Development
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The Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) proposes to implement bus rapid transit (BRT) service in the approximately 10-mile Prospect MAX corridor that extends from Wyandotte Street in downtown Kansas City, Missouri to Prospect Avenue and 75th Street. The project will include construction of 26 stations, transit signal priority, a real-time bus arrival information system and the purchase of uniquely branded vehicles. The project's current estimated capital cost is \$40.2 million-\$54.4 million. KCATA expects to seek approximately \$32.2 million-\$43.5 million from the Small Starts program.

KCATA believes the project will improve mobility in the corridor by reducing trip times, increasing frequency of service, improving passenger amenities, and complementing existing bus service. In addition to improving access to employment and education opportunities for transit-dependent populations, the project is also expected to increase transit ridership and attract new businesses and investment to the corridor.

KCATA selected a locally preferred alternative in June 2013 and in January 2014 the Mid-America Regional Council, the metropolitan planning organization, adopted the project into the region's fiscally constrained long range transportation plan. KCATA anticipates completion of the environmental review process with a Categorical Exclusion by the end of 2015, receipt of a Small Starts Grant Agreement in late 2016, and the start of revenue service in the third quarter of 2018.