# The #KCstreetcar Revolution

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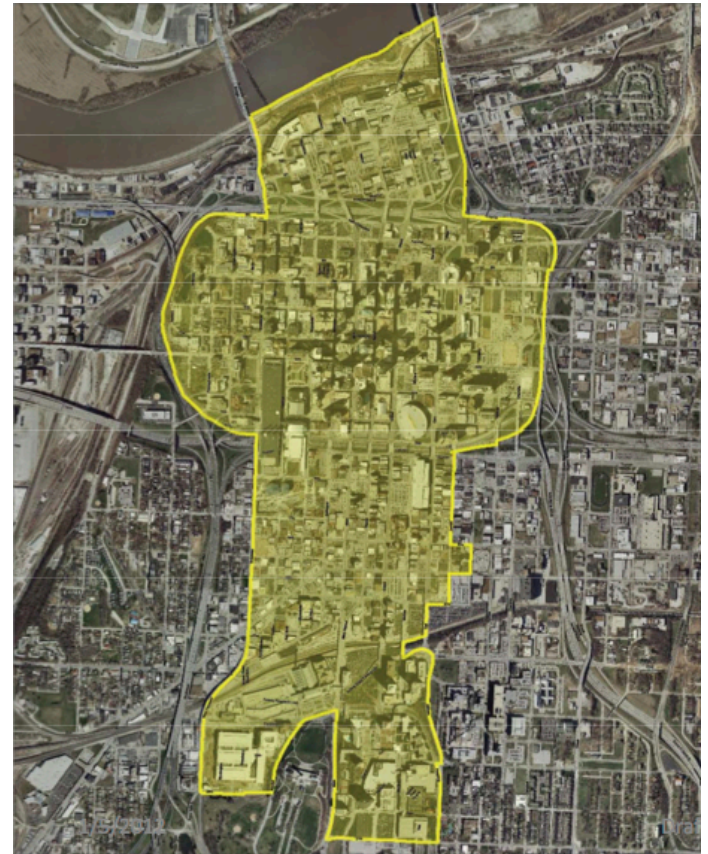Kansas City Regional Transit Alliance

# Scope

- Phase 1
  - 2 mile modern streetcar
  - Downtown only
  - Operational in 2015
- Phase 2
  - Up to 10 additional miles
  - Extending south & east of downtown line
  - Operational by 2020

# Phase 1 Funding

- Special district (TDD)
- Small Federal grants
- Local public improvement fund & cost overruns
- Zero state funding

# Phase 1 - Local

- Transportation Development District
  - Raises $73.5 million of $102 million project cost
  - Authorized by state statute
  - Lobbied for tweaks specific to streetcar in 2011
  - Approved by mail-in vote in 2012
  - Special assessments & sales tax within the district to fund capital/operations
  - Assumed NO growth in value or retail sales
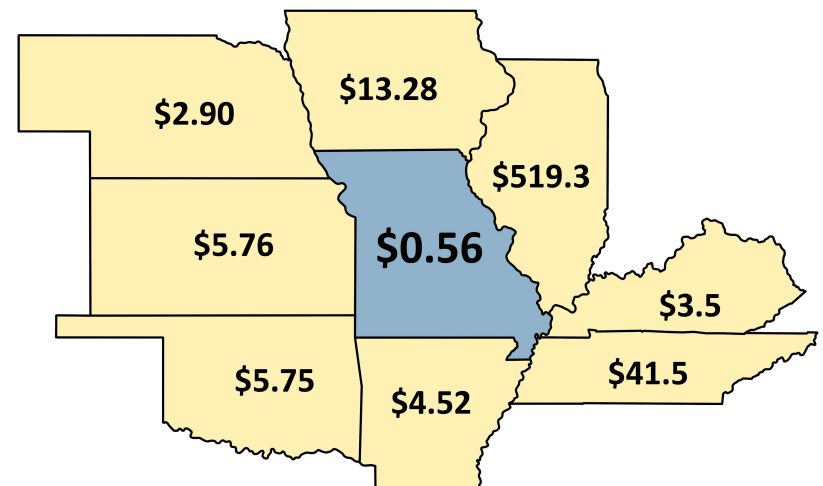  - City backing debt & cost overruns

# Phase 1 - Local

- Local funding covered environmental analysis and engineering
  - $2.5 million allocated in 2012
    - $1 million surplus TIF
    - $1 million PIAC
      - $500,000 from in-district
      - Other council districts chipped in $100,000 each
    - $500,000 from transit agency

# Phase 1 - Federal

- Multiple small federal grants
  - TIGER I, denied in 2010
    - First attempt to kick-start feasibility
  - Alternatives Analysis, granted in 2010
    - $500,000, completed AA in record time (9 mo)
  - TIGER IV, denied in 2012
  - Locally programmed via MPO, granted in 2012
    - Surface Transportation Program ($16 million for vehicles)
    - CMAQ ($1.1 million for stations)
  - TIGER V, granted in 2013
    - $20 million covered cost overrun and reduced bond issuance
    - Had applied for TIGER IV before local funding in place and was denied
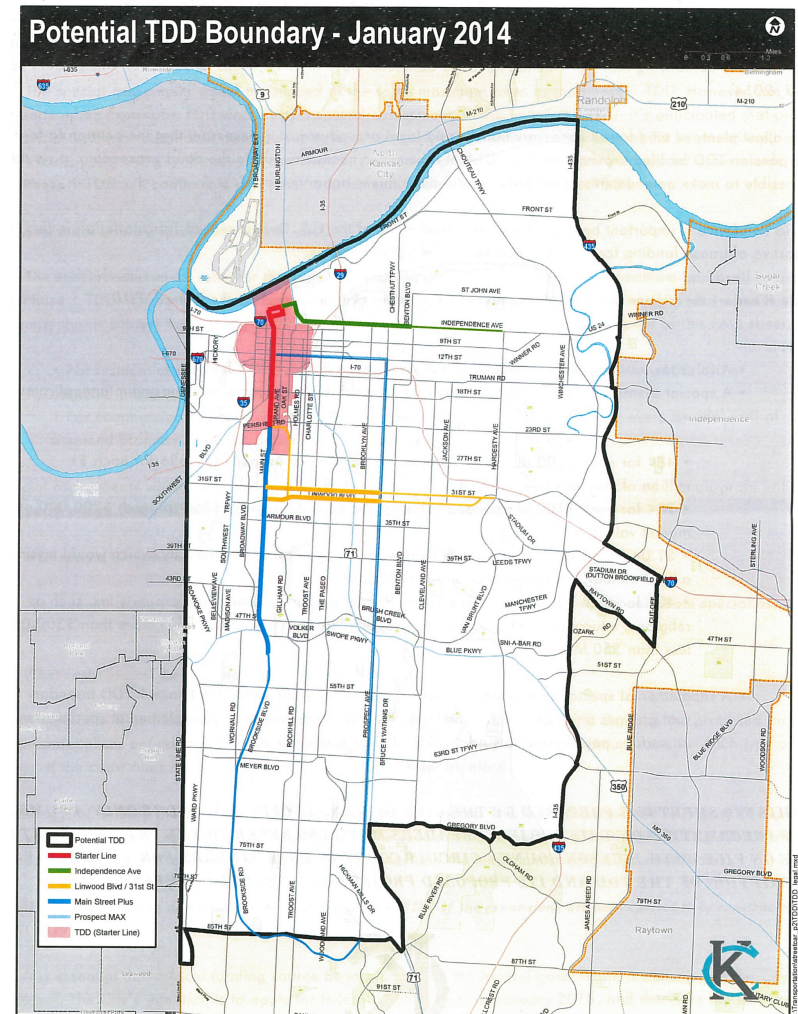    - Only streetcar project funded in TIGER V

# Phase 1 - State

- Zero state funding
  - Constitution prohibits using gas tax revenue for transit (roads/bridges only)
  - State funding for transit lower than all adjacent states (2011 data)

# Phase 2 Funding

- Local - Larger district to go before voters in August

- Federal - Will apply for New/Small Starts

- State - Zero state funding at this time



*This map depicts the proposed streetcar expansion lines. Potential ending points have not yet been determined.*