



“We Have Tomorrow— Bright Before Us, Like A Flame.”

-Langston Hughes

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Your Public Transit System

1. Why do we need a bus system?

People use public transit for many reasons, including saving gas, reducing traffic congestion, eliminating parking and traffic hassles, and contributing to a cleaner environment. According to a 2006 survey of “T” passengers, 47 percent of bus riders use the “T” to get to and from work, and 18 percent use the “T” to get to and from school. The “T” transports people to medical appointments, shopping, after school events, or visiting with friends and family. The “T” is also a resource for those without other transportation options available to all.

2. Who rides the “T”?

The “T” provides an average of 1,600 rides each day. In 2006, ridership increased 8.6 percent from the prior year. Annual ridership growth of 8.6 percent is well above the transit industry average of 3 percent.

Increasing Ridership

Year	Trips
2001	200,145
2005	439,131
2006	477,040



3. Why do people ride the “T”?

Public transit improves people’s mobility, increases their quality of life, maintains their independence, and helps support economic growth in our community. Some people rely on the “T” for transportation due to their age, disability, or financial situation.

4. Should the “T” make money?

Public transit is not meant to be a for-profit operation. Just like other city services (police, fire and emergency medical), public transit is an important resource for the community.

5. Where does public transit funding come from?

Public transit funds are comprised of federal, state and local dollars. Service is subsidized so that the charge for one-way fares is 50 cents for the “T” and \$1 for the T Lift.

FAQ's Frequently Asked Questions

How is the City of Lawrence keeping our wastewater treatment safe and efficient?

Recently, The City of Lawrence Department of Utilities became only the second agency in the nation to achieve three prestigious environmental, health and safety certifications. Lawrence residents count on the city to provide safe and efficient wastewater management. The policies and procedures will produce practical benefits, like cost savings in electricity usage at the wastewater plant. These three certifications affirm the world-class quality of services provided to our community.

How can I help fight graffiti?

Graffiti can be a nuisance, damaging property and as well as being unsightly and an eye-sore. Report new graffiti on public and private property to the Lawrence Police Department at (785) 832-7509. Property owners are responsible for graffiti removal, and have 14 days to remove or cover graffiti. If left unresolved, the City of Lawrence may contract to have graffiti removed at the property owner’s expense. If you need help, you can contact Douglas County Corrections at (785) 832-5220 to inquire about assistance in removing graffiti.

The city planted a new tree in front of my home - how should I care for it?

Proper watering is critical to the survival and growth of your tree. During the first two years, water the tree thoroughly twice a week. Keep grass and weeds away from the tree. Proper mulching will help you control weeds and hold in moisture. Avoid pruning during the first two years, and to prevent root damage, do not dig within the drip line of your new tree.

As a homeowner, you are responsible for tree maintenance including watering, care and repairing and tightening support stakes. If you have tree care questions you may contact the City in two ways: If you live in a new neighborhood, please call (785) 832-7970. If you live in an established neighborhood, please call (785) 832-7979.

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We are committed to providing excellent city services that enhance the quality of life for the Lawrence community.

2006 Transit Funding

Source	Amount	Share
Federal	\$ 1,350,173	42.8 percent
State	\$ 217,668	6.9 percent
Local	\$ 1,586,769	50.3 percent
Total	\$ 3,154,610	100 percent

Local funding comes from property taxes, farebox revenue, bus pass sales, and other local grants.

6. Why does it seem like the “T” sometimes drives empty buses around town?

Routes and schedules are routinely evaluated to maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of transit service. Depending

on the time of day, some routes are more heavily used than others. If the “T” has just dropped off a group of passengers, at places of employment in the East Hills Business Park — it could appear that a bus is empty on its way back to downtown.

7. How were “T” routes picked?

A decision has been made to provide access to as many places or resources within the community as possible. With limited resources, the City has two options to improve the frequency of service to make it more convenient. The City can either reduce the service area, not traveling to as many places in a growing community, or more resources can be dedicated to add buses to existing routes. Routes are

routinely evaluated to find that balance.

8. Why does the “T” operate such big buses?

Lawrence Transit System wants to ensure that it has the capacity to meet existing and growing demands for service. Our preference is for each passenger to have a seat on the bus, rather than standing. “T” buses are all ADA accessible and durable to withstand being used 14 hours a day, 307 days a year. Smaller buses are not designed for heavy duty use and require more frequent, and costly maintenance and replacement.

Learn more about the “T” at www.lawrencetransit.org or call (785) 832-3465.



Lawrence, Kansas



Saturday, April 21

EARTH DAY PARADE & CELEBRATION AT THE PARK

10:00–11:00 am: Parade Assembly at Watson (“Train”) Park on 7th St. between Kentucky and Tennessee Streets.
To register, e-mail: ParadeForTheEarth@Lawrenceks.org

11:00 am: Parade down Massachusetts St.
Come to watch or come to walk!

11:30– 4:00 pm: Celebration in South Park
Featuring food, games, crafts, environmental activities, a Water Festival, and more!



April Showers to Water Towers
A Water Festival
for Douglas County

More info: www.LawrenceRecycles.org or 832-3030