



Downtown Transit Station Project

Frequently Asked Questions

With the opening of Central Station, why is there a need for a Downtown Station?

Answer: The [Route Redesign Study](#) demonstrated the need for five (5) routes to continue to serve Downtown. With or without improvements, these routes will continue to serve the area and provide transfer opportunities. The Downtown Station project is more limited in scope than the Central Station project, and is focused on the addition of five (5) elements: driver restrooms, individual bus bays, sufficient seating/wind protection, overhead canopy weather protection, and digital next departure signage.

How is the Downtown Station project funded?

Answer: The total project budget for the Downtown Station project is \$2,030,000. This includes \$406,000 of local transit sales tax funding ([approved in a 2017 by 70% of voters](#)) and \$1,624,000 federal funding awarded through a [Kansas Department of Transportation Access, Innovation, and Collaboration Grant](#).

How many people ride the bus downtown?

Answer: In 2023, an average of 561 riders boarded Stop #1 across from the library every day. The data for this ridership is captured by automated passenger counters, which are validated by driver passenger counts recorded via electronic tablet mounted in each bus.

How will the City ensure that Downtown Station is a safe environment?

Answer: Lawrence Transit implemented a formal [rider suspension policy and process](#) in June 2023, as well as an overall [code of conduct](#) in January 2024. These policies provide clear processes for staff to enforce unsafe behaviors.