

# Topeka Metro's Ongoing Development Efforts

- Citizen's Advisory Council
- April 5, 2023
- Andy Fry



# Topics

- Electric buses
  - Electric Bus Implementation Study
  - Grants
  - Purchase
- Microtransit (MOD)
  - Zones
  - Vendor
  - Vehicles





# Electric Buses

- Completed Implementation Study of 25, 50, 75 and 100% implementation with a mixed diesel/gas/electric fleet
- Received grant in 2019 for 3 battery electric buses and charging infrastructure
- Buses are under contract and expected to start production at the end of 2023 and in Topeka in early 2024





# Electric Buses

- Topeka Metro is looking to continue exploring electric vehicles in other contexts including paratransit and microtransit services
- The 2024 Low-No Grant Process is open
- Topeka Metro is considering applying for some electric vans, cutaways buses or fixed route buses





# MOD (Microtransit Service)

- Modtopeka.app
- On-demand service with reservations made on a computer, phone app or via telephone
- Pay in cash in person, or via credit card on the app or online
- Curb to curb within the service zone
- Can connect to existing fixed route (larger buses)
- Started service Jan 30, 2023
- Generally seeing increasing use as we continue to connect with neighborhoods and agencies





# MOD (Microtransit Service)

- Seeing heatmaps indicating ridership broadening with users originating from and going to more locations through time.
- Getting consistent positive feedback from users
- Seeing continuous sign-ups on users accounts
- Observing broad users across the zone.
- Destinations include grocers, employers, multiple health facilities, private residence to residence and others
- Working towards offering agencies the ability to subsidize trips to their facilities





# Questions and comments?

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Questions on these topics or other  
including bus stops, service  
planning, routing concerns, future  
services





# CITY OF TOPEKA

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BY THE NUMBERS MARCH 2023

## NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION SUPPORT FUNDS BUDGET REPORTS

Support funds are provided by the City of Topeka Division of Community Engagement through the Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Federal regulations permit the City of Topeka to enact policies in accordance with federal HUD guidelines. The following table includes items that are permissible and items that are restricted from federal funding use.

NIA Support	\$57,500.00
Contingency	\$ 5,000.00
Citizen Advisory Council	\$ 2,500.00
Total NIA Support Annual Budget	\$ 65,000.00

<https://www.topeka.org/citymanager/neighborhood-association-information/neighborhood-improvement-association-support-fund-budget-reports/>

## TSC GET DIGITAL

The Topeka and Shawnee County Get Digital program provides affordable and equitable access to computer and internet equipment and services, along with technical support, training opportunities, and digital literacy services for low and moderate-income individuals and families. Through community collaboration and partnership, the program focuses on strategies and investments to create opportunities that help to reduce barriers to technology access and use with the overall goal of ensuring that all Topeka and Shawnee County residents and neighborhoods have the equipment and services needed for civic and cultural participation, employment, lifelong learning, and access to other essential health and human services.

**> 683 DISTRIBUTED COMPUTERS INTO THE COMMUNITY**  
**> 24 DIGITAL LITERACY TRAINING PARTICIPANTS**

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RESOURCE BAGS

The Community Resource Bag is a printed version of local community resource information to give a quick view of helping agencies you are mostly likely to need when helping yourself or someone else. We probably haven't captured everything, but our team is working hard to constantly improve the information by adding verified community programming on a weekly basis.

If you are interested in obtaining resource bags for your agency/organization please contact Monique Glaude at [mglau@topeka.org](mailto:mglau@topeka.org) or 785-368-4470.

**> 730 BAGS DISTRIBUTED**

## CHANGING OUR CULTURE OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

2023 Mowing Program Public Information Sessions

- April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 5:30 p.m.  
Salvation Army  
1320 SE 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
(The session will be in Spanish.)

[bit.ly/TopekaCOCPM](https://bit.ly/TopekaCOCPM)  
785-368-9530

## NEWSLETTERS

Community Engagement is utilizing a new mailing address verification system that confirms both the accuracy and occupancy of each property captured on our NIA mailing lists.

We will make any necessary adjustments. Please note that the adjustments will be reflected on your budget reports at the end of February.

If you find any discrepancies please feel free to contact me and we will make the appropriate changes.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- National Night Out Planning Meetings  
April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.  
June 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.  
Topeka Shawnee County Public Library  
1515 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
[785-266-8666/info@parstoepka.org](mailto:785-266-8666/info@parstoepka.org)
- 2024 Topeka DREAMS 3 Program Workshop,  
Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Cyrus K. Holliday Building, 620 SE Madison Ave, Holliday Conference Room and via zoom. To ensure that we have enough materials, **please RSVP by May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

For more information, please contact Monique Glaude at [mglau@topeka.org](mailto:mglau@topeka.org) or 785-368-4470.



**MARCH**

# **PROPS OFFICIAL**

**NORTH TOPEKA  
WEST NIA**



**MARCH**

# **PROPS OFFICIAL**

**CHESNEY PARK NIA**





**MARCH**

# **PROPS OFFICIAL**

**QUINTON HEIGHTS  
STEELE NIA**







# METRO ON-DEMAND

**EXACT  
Cash Amount**

**\$2**

## **Roughly where is the zone?**

- North Border: I70
- South Border: I-35 and 29th St.
- East Border: Croco Rd.
- West Border: Kansas Ave. (from I-70 to 25th/29th) and then Topeka Blvd. further South
- Ride from point-to-point within the geographical zone
- Connect and transfer to fixed route buses to travel outside the zone

## **What You Need to Know:**

### **MOD HOURS OF OPERATION:**

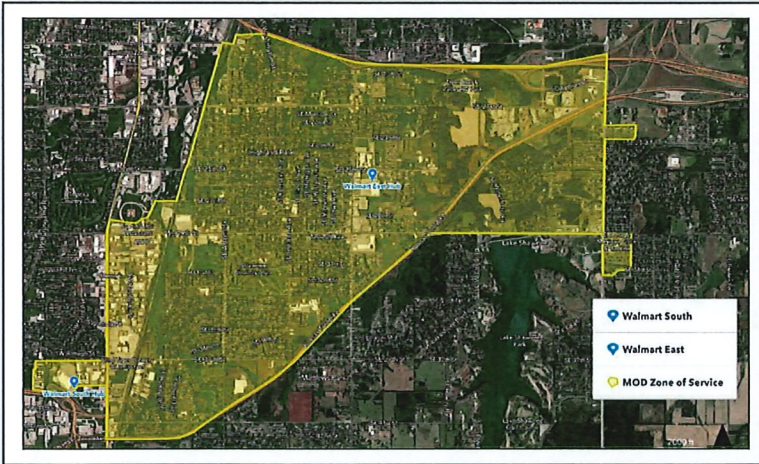
Monday - Friday from 5:35 a.m. - 6:40 p.m.  
Saturday from 8:15 a.m. to 6:40 p.m.

### **SCHEDULING YOUR TRIP:**

- Download the MOD Topeka app on your mobile phone.
- The MOD Topeka app is available on Apple App Store (iOS) and Google Play Store (Android).
- Use the [www.modtopeka.app](http://www.modtopeka.app) website to schedule your ride or find information.
- If you don't have a mobile phone, call our customer service at **785-783-7000** & push **Option #5** to book your ride.
- No walk-ups. Must schedule ride in advance.

### **COST TO RIDE MOD:**

**\$2.00 EXACT FARE** for a one-way ride.  
Drivers will NOT make change or carry cash.  
Children under age 5 ride free with paying adult.



**Call 785-783-7000 for information**



**Find us on the MOD website at [www.modtopeka.app](http://www.modtopeka.app) or on Facebook and Instagram**





# ★ NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

## SUPPORT PROGRAM

**Total Budget – \$65,000**  
 2023 Spent to Date – \$4,510.52\*  
 2022 – \$63,567.95\*  
 2021 - \$47,281.72

\*Denotes – pending updates

## 2020 EAST TOPEKA NORTH SORT

**Infrastructure**  
 Budget – \$1.7 M  
 Spent to Date – \$82,000  
 Streets – 10  
 Sidewalks – 8  
 Alleys – N/A  
 Utilities/Other – 4

**Housing**  
 Budget – \$330,000  
 Spent to Date – \$84,850  
 Applications – 2\*  
 Major – 2  
 Minor – N/A  
 Demolition – 0  
 Infill – 1 Cornerstone

## 2021 VALLEY PARK SORT

<p><b>Infrastructure</b>          Budget – \$1.7 M          Spent to Date – \$34,635.90*          Streets – 15 / Design          Sidewalks – 3 / Design          Alleys – N/A          Utilities/Other – 0</p>	<p><b>Housing</b>          Budget – \$330,000          Spent to Date – \$122,000          Applications – 20          Major – 3          Minor – 1          Demolition – 0          Infill – 0</p>
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## 2023 HISTORIC HOLLIDAY PARK DREAMS 1

**Infrastructure & Utilities**  
 Budget – \$1.55  
 Spent to Date – N/A  
 Streets – N/A  
 Sidewalks – N/A  
 Alleys – N/A  
 Utilities/Other – N/A

**Housing**  
 Budget – \$330,000  
 Spent to Date – N/A  
 Applications – N/A  
 Major – N/A  
 Minor – N/A  
 Demolition – N/A  
 Infill – N/A

## DREAMS 2 PROGRAM

**Total Budget – \$1.7 M**  
 Spent to Date – N/A  
 Total Projects – 7  
**Status of Projects:**  
 Planning – 2  
 Design – 3  
 Construction – N/A

## DREAMS 2 HOUSING PROGRAM

**Hi-Crest NIA Housing**  
 Budget – \$330,000  
 Spent to Date – N/A  
 Applications – N/A\*  
 Major – N/A  
 Minor – N/A  
 Demolition – N/A  
 Infill – N/A

## DREAMS 3 PROGRAM

**Total Budget – \$387,880**  
 Spent to Date – \$13,203.05\*  
 Total Projects – 15  
**Status of Projects:**  
 Planning – 9  
 Design – 5  
 Construction – 1

## TOTAL IMPACT

**Neighborhoods**  
 NIA Support – 21 (15 active neighborhoods)  
 Programs – 4 ( 4 neighborhoods)  
 Projects – 22 ( 9 neighborhoods)

**Funding**  
**Total Budgeted – \$8,422,880**  
 Total Spent to Date - \$341,199.47