

Transit Route Redesign Steering Committee

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Committee Purpose: The Transit Route Redesign Steering Committee will guide the development of the route redesign consulted project by providing input on interacting with the public and reviewing draft deliverables. The project website is https://lawrencetransit.org/transfer-facility_.

Project Purpose: The Lawrence Transit/KU on Wheels service needs a dedicated bus transfer location as transfers currently occur on street, in front of the Lawrence Public Library (at 707 Vermont St) without enough space for the buses. It has been a subject of study for many years including a 2014 Lawrence Transit Center Location Analysis and a 2016 TIGER Application. The 2018 Bus Transfer Location Analysis identified the southeast corner of Bob Billings Parkway and Crestline Drive as a potential location. In July 2020, KU and the City of Lawrence signed an agreement to develop a bus transfer center at that location.

Development of the transfer center will necessitate changes in route structures, and route redesign will inform design decisions for the transfer facility. Different route design concepts may result in different transfer facility needs. Thus the two processes (route redesign and facility design) are intrinsically linked and must operate in tandem. Key milestones within this route structuring process will be identified within the facility design process. An example of a milestone includes knowing how many bus bays are needed at the transfer center.

A KU Urban Planning class conducted a preliminary analysis of route redesign during the Fall 2020 semester. This consultant lead study will further refine the route redesign in a parallel process to designing the transfer center. The estimated opening date of the transfer center is August 2022.

This Steering Committee was established by the MPO Policy Board on 12/17/20.

*This list will be updated as people are appointed. The list was last updated on 3/23/21.