



Legislation Text

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ORDINANCE NO. 210537

Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Port Authority of Kansas City, Missouri, the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, and the Kansas City Streetcar Authority for the KC Streetcar Riverfront Extension Project.

WHEREAS, the City currently owns and supports the operation of an approximately 2.2 mile (+/-) modern streetcar line running generally along Main Street from River Market to Union Station (“Initial Phase”); and

WHEREAS, the Initial Phase is to be extended, running south from Union Station generally along Main Street with a terminus in the general vicinity of the University of Missouri - Kansas City’s Volker campus (“Main Street Extension”); and

WHEREAS, a multi-agency partnership consisting of PortKC, Kansas City Streetcar Authority (KCSA), and the City conducted a modal feasibility study recommending an approximately 0.55-mile bi-directional northern extension of the streetcar system from its current terminus near 3rd Street and Grand Boulevard across the Grand Boulevard Viaduct and to Berkley Riverfront (the “Riverfront Extension”) was warranted; and

WHEREAS, the Riverfront Extension will address significant connectivity challenges that currently isolate the riverfront from broader City access and will serve as a northern terminus for operations of the expanded streetcar system;

WHEREAS, the design and construction of the Riverfront Extension, inclusive of contingency, is currently estimated to cost \$20,199,453; and

WHEREAS, the project partnership, with KCATA as lead applicant, applied for and was selected for a federal Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation in the amount of \$14,199,453 (“BUILD Grant”); and

WHEREAS, the federal Riverfront Extension Build Grant will be matched from KCSA, KCATA and Port contributions in the amounts described in the Agreement and no City funding is required for construction; and

WHEREAS, Port will make an annual financial contribution to be utilized by KCSA for the operations and management of the Riverfront Extension; and


WHEREAS, KCSA and KCATA have agreed to the City’s request for a separate cost-share arrangement to complete the City’s adjacent Grand Boulevard bicycle and pedestrian bridge, addressing long-standing pedestrian and safety needs in the general vicinity; and

WHEREAS, the Parties are executing this Agreement for the purpose of establishing roles and responsibilities regarding the financing, management, design, construction, operations and maintenance of the Riverfront Extension; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City Manager is authorized to execute an Agreement with the Port Authority of Kansas City, Missouri, the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, and the Kansas City Streetcar Authority for the KC Streetcar Riverfront Extension Project.

Approved as to form and legality:



Nelson V. Munoz
Assistant City Attorney



Authenticated as Passed



Quinton Lucas, Mayor

Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

JUL 01 2021

Date Passed