

KENOSHA COUNTY TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN: 2012-2016



NEWSLETTER 1

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The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC), at the request of the City and County of Kenosha, is preparing a short-range transit development plan for Kenosha County covering the years 2012-2016. This study will include:

A rigorous evaluation of existing Kenosha Area Transit and Western Kenosha County Transit services to review their existing performance and identify areas of good and poor performance.

An assessment of unmet transit travel needs for resident trips within Kenosha County and to/from adjacent counties.

Recommendations for alternative transit service improvements and capital improvements for both the City and County systems.

The preparation of a planning document that will help City and County officials implement transit recommendations through annual transit budgets and capital and operations programming.

KENOSHA AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM (KAT)

In 2010, KAT operated 10 regular routes, 24 peak-hour tripper routes serving schools, and one streetcar in downtown Kenosha. Of the 10 regular routes, seven passed through the Downtown Transit Center located on the north side of the Central Business District. KAT buses meet at the Center on a “pulse” schedule to facilitate transfers between routes.

Service Hours: The regular routes run from 6 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on weekdays and from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. KAT does not operate on Sundays.

Service Frequency: Most buses arrive every 30 minutes during weekday peak periods, and every 60 minutes during weekday off-peak periods and Saturdays.

Fares: Adults pay \$1.50 cash fare. Seniors and people with disabilities pay \$0.70 and students pay \$0.75.

In 2011, KAT made several significant service changes, mostly due to cuts in service to the Village of Pleasant Prairie. Routes 35 and 36, providing service to indus-

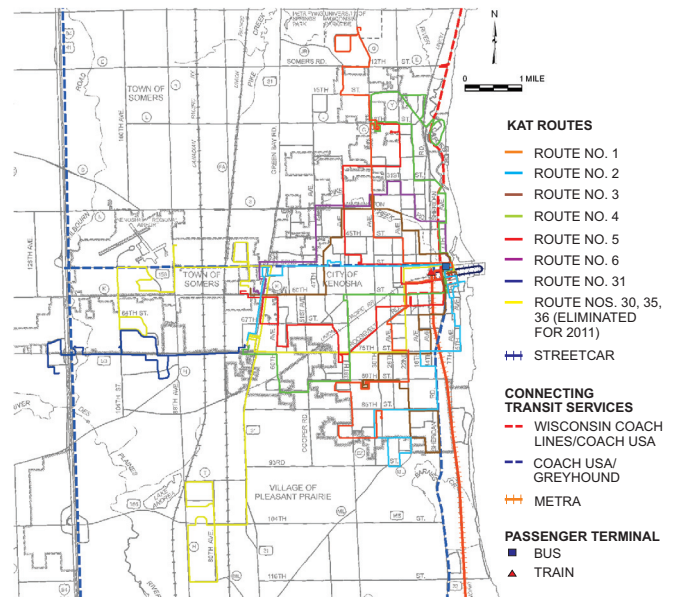
KENOSHA COUNTY TRANSIT PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Kenosha County Transit Development Plan is being developed under the guidance of an Advisory Committee appointed by the City of Kenosha Mayor and the Kenosha County Executive specifically for this study. The Committee includes representatives from the various units of government in Kenosha County and a variety of agencies and populations with an interest in transportation. A list of the Advisory Committee members can be found on the Kenosha County Development Plan Summary Brochure or the website: www.sewrpc.org/kenoshatransitplan.

trial parks west and south of Kenosha, were eliminated completely. Route 31 was modified to reduce service to Pleasant Prairie and serve some areas previously served by Route 36. Route 30 (which served as a rapid connection from the Downtown Transit Center to the transfer point at Southport Mall) was also eliminated. The following map shows the eliminated routes in yellow.

The City of Kenosha and Kenosha County jointly fund the “Care-A-Van” program. Care-A-Van provides

KAT ROUTES AND CONNECTING TRANSIT SERVICES: 2010



You are invited to attend one of three upcoming public informational meetings on the Kenosha County Transit Development Plan. At the meetings, you can learn more about the plan, discuss it with Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, Kenosha Area Transit, and Western Kenosha County Transit staffs, and comment on the work performed to date.

If you cannot attend one of the meetings, please visit the plan website to view the information presented, request a briefing by project staff, or comment on the project. You can submit written comments via mail, e-mail, or fax through April 30, 2011.

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PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

The public meetings are in an "open house" format, allowing you to attend at any time during the two-hour timeframe for each meeting. A short presentation will be made at 5:45 pm at each meeting. Attendees will have the opportunity to leave written comments, or speak to a court reporter or Commission staff for oral comments.

Tuesday, April 5, 2011, 4:30-6:30 pm

Kenosha Civil War Museum
5400 First Avenue, Kenosha

Wednesday, April 6, 2011, 4:30-6:30 pm

Kenosha County Job Center, Room N-2
8600 Sheridan Road, Kenosha

Thursday, April 14, 2011, 4:30-6:30 pm

Twin Lakes Village Hall
108 E Main Street, Twin Lakes

All meeting locations are wheelchair-accessible. Persons with special needs are asked to contact the SEWRPC office at (262) 547-6721 a minimum of three business days before the meetings so that appropriate arrangements can be made regarding access or mobility, review or interpretation of materials, active participation, or submission of comments.