

**April 2006**

## Smart Moves Rapid Rider Services

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## Transit Calendar – 2006

April 22: EarthFest-Shawnee Mission Park  
May 22: Jamie Lerner presentation  
May 17: Annual RTA meeting North Kansas City  
Community Center



## EarthFest 2006

The **RTA** once again co-sponsors this great community event that occurs Saturday, April 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For the second consecutive year, this year's event will take place in The Theatre in the Park area at Shawnee Mission Park. This event coordinates with the annual Earth Walk. Stop by our table to learn about the **RTA**, sign-up for the Regional Advocacy Network, and register for a drawing to win a free **RTA** t-shirt. For more information about the event, or to learn how to register for EarthWalk, visit the **RTA** website at [www.kctransit.org](http://www.kctransit.org).



## Jaime Lerner Event

The **RTA** is very excited to co-sponsor a series of events on May 22-23, 2006 to bring world-class citizen Mr. Jaime Lerner to Kansas City. Jaime Lerner is a visionary architect and urban planner whose ideas and lead-

ership have transformed the City of Curitiba, Brazil into an internationally acclaimed model for sustainability and livability. In three terms as Mayor of Curitiba (population 1.7 million) and two terms as Governor of the Brazilian State of Parana, Lerner implemented programs that have revolutionized thinking about public transit systems, open space preservation, building renovation and reuse, and delivery of public services to residents. Best known of Mr. Lerner's innovations is a bus rapid transit system that achieves performance comparable to light rail systems at a fraction of the construction cost and a fraction of the construction time.

The public event is Wednesday, May 22 at Unity Temple on the Plaza. Registration begins at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Lerner's presentation starts at 3:30 p.m. A reception catered by Eden Alley follows from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. The presentation and reception are free and open to the public. There will be a cash bar. Reservations are requested. Please contact Karen Boyd at 816-235-6359 or [boyd-kp@umkc.edu](mailto:boyd-kp@umkc.edu).

The presentation is "Transforming Curitiba, Transforming Kansas City". What lessons can be found in Curitiba's experiences that point a direction for Kansas City?



## North Kansas City Community Center to host the 2006 RTA Annual Meeting

The 2006 **RTA** Annual Meeting is Wednesday, May 17 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Community Room A at the North Kansas City Community Center located at 1999 Iron Street (southeast corner of Iron and Armour). The theme for this year's meeting is "Over the River", highlighting the effort of Mayor Bruns and the City of North Kansas City in executing the first "transit-only" lane in Missouri during the closure of the Paseo Bridge in 2005. It also celebrates the **RTA's** first Annual Meeting north of the river. The event is free and as usual the location is served by public transit.



## Regional Investment Fund Legislation

Regional Investment Fund legislation was presented to both the Missouri Senate (SB825) and the Kansas House (HB2751) this year. This legislation allows voters to decide on dedicated funding for transportation in the 8-country region covered by MARC (Mid America Regional Council). Regional legislation requires the wording of both bills to match. Missouri has changed its bill to match changes in Topeka, which eliminated the trails and traffic management issues leaving a transit only bill. It also creates a 15 year sunset provision for voter approved taxes, requires a two thirds majority from any county commission wanting to put this on a ballot and requires the ballot measure to be passed by Johnson and Wyandotte in Kansas and Jackson in Missouri before the tax becomes effective. Missouri plans to add Buchanan County (St. Joseph) to the list of counties covered by this legislation. Other changes will undoubtedly happen as this bill moves through the legislative process. Initial committee meetings have been held in both Jefferson City and Topeka and **RTA** Executive Director Greg Lever testified at both committees, as did representatives from MARC and multiple interested parties.

Senators in Missouri sponsoring SB825 are Chris Koster, Charles Wheeler and Yvonne Wilson. David Huff is the Representative from Kansas sponsoring HB2751.

The Missouri Senate should debate this legislation soon. However, the Kansas bill is waiting in committee.



## May Newsletter:

What Frequent Flyer services are planned in Smart Moves?

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## Smart Moves and Your Community

*Smart Moves* is the proposed Kansas City regional public transit system. Services will be implemented in stages and there will be changes from today's plan. However, the basic structure will be the same. Following are examples of proposed new services. Other communities will be featured in future articles.

### Parkville and Riverside, MO

*Smart Moves* will provide a high level *Freeway Flyer* commuter service in the I-635 corridor. Commuters will be able to return to the park and ride lots during the middle of the day using the Local Link.

A *Local Link* will operate on Highway M9 and M45.

Additionally a flexible *Local Link*, similar to the current service in Lee's Summit, will pick up and deliver passengers curb to curb.

Transit centers will link Parkville and Riverside to the region.

### Overland Park, KS

Existing commuter service along I-435 and US 69 will be expanded to *Freeway Flyer* service. Mid-day service will be added using a new *Local Link*. A high capacity route along I-35 is also included.

**Blue Line and Green Line** *Rapid Rider* services are planned (see the previous article).

*Local Links* will serve Overland Park on multiple east/west streets from Johnson Drive to 151st St. and multiple north/south streets from Quivra to Mission Rd. Transit centers provide links to the region.

Antioch will have a *Local Link Circulator*. Metcalf and 119th St will both have *Point Deviation* services. These services provide curb-to-curb pick-up and delivery along those streets.

## Smart Moves Rapid Rider Services

*Rapid Riders* serve major activity centers and attractions along key routes more frequently and faster than buses. Vehicles usually run every 6 to 20 minutes during weekday peak hours, and every 10 to 60 minutes at other times. The new MAX route is the first *Rapid Rider* service. *Smart Moves* plans 5 *Rapid Rider* services.

**Red Line:** The north south segment extends from KCI in the Northland to I-435 in south Kansas City, MO - linking Metro North Mall, North Kansas City, River Market, Downtown KCMO, Union Station, Crossroads District, Westport, the University of Missouri-Kansas City and St. Joseph Health Center. It also provides a Northland east west link between I-29 and Liberty.

**Yellow Line:** This line extends from Village West (in Wyandotte County, Kan.) to southeastern Jackson County. Stops will be located at Kansas City Kansas Community College, Indian Springs, Downtown Kansas City, Kansas, Downtown Kansas City, Missouri, Government District, Jazz District, 31st Street/Troost, 39th Street/Troost, UMKC, Baptist Medical Center, 75th Street/Troost, Center High School and Bannister Federal Complex.

**Blue Line:** This line extends from Olathe, Kan., to Independence Square, with intermediate stations at Johnson County Community College, Corporate Woods, Overland Park Convention Center, College Blvd., Metcalf South, Historic Overland Park, 75th Street, Mission Center, Fairway, Plaza, Westport, Union Station, Crossroads, 18th and Vine jazz district, Van Horn High School and Independence Square.

**Green Line:** This line extends from western Shawnee, Kan., to Eastern Jackson County, Mo., with stops at Lackman Road, Pflumm Road, Quivira Road, Merriam, Metcalf, Mission Center, Fairway, Plaza, Westport, 31st Street, VA Hospital, Truman Sports Complex, Blue Ridge Mall, Noland Road and Lee's Summit Road.

**Orange Line:** This line, called the **Airport Arrow**, connects Kansas City International Airport to Downtown KCMO and Union Station.

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