Office of Tribal Government Affairs

- OST-T
- Handles Tribal Portfolio for OST
- Working with all 574 Federally Recognized Tribes
- Tribal Organizations
- Internal guidance/assistance with all Modal Agencies
BIL Changes to DOT’s Tribal Program

- Originally housed in Government Affairs
- Elevates Leadership to Assistant Secretary
- Creates an Office of Tribal Government Affairs
  - Opened 10.23.2023
Definition of Tribe

• Any federally-recognized governing body of an Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, or community that the Secretary of Interior acknowledges to exist as an Indian tribe under the Federally Recognized Tribe List Act of 1994, 25 U.S.C 479a.
Legal Basis

• There is a unique legal and political relationship between the Federal government and American Indians/Alaska Natives.

• Relationship based on body of Federal Indian Law, which includes: U.S. Constitution, treaties, Supreme Court decisions, Federal laws, and Executive Orders.
Tribal Sovereignty

- Tribal governments can create and enforce laws
- State laws cannot be applied where they interfere with the right of a tribe to make its own laws or where it would interfere with any Federal interest
- Jurisdiction is complex and based on specific laws and specific tribes
- There is no one size fits all: each tribe has its own unique relationships with the U.S., states, counties, and other tribes
Jurisdiction

• Not all tribes are land based

• Land within reservation boundaries does not necessarily mean it is tribal land; conversely, tribal land may exist outside of reservation boundaries

• Determining jurisdiction of home and land ownership and boundaries can be difficult
Federal Policies and Historic Distrust

• Co-existence (pre-US - 1828)
• Removal and reservations (1829–1886)
• Assimilation (1887-1932)
• Reorganization (1932–1945)
• Termination and relocation (1946–1961)
• Self-determination (1961–present)
DOT’s Tribal Consultation Policy

• Initially put out for Tribal Consultation via POTUS Memorandum 1.26.2021
• Comments adjudicated and put back out for Tribal Consultation 1.31.2022
• Virtual consultation held 4.27.2022
• Secretary signed the document in August 2023
• [https://www.transportation.gov/self-governance](https://www.transportation.gov/self-governance)
White House Council on Native American Affairs

- Secretary Buttigieg serves as Principal
- Co-lead on Energy, Infrastructure & Economic Development Committee
- AS Teller & I handle day-to-day work on WHCNA
- Cross Borders Issues
- Public Safety & Justice
- Development of deliverables
- Tribal Nations Summit
White House Council on Native American Affairs Deliverables

- EV Initiative
- International Workshop
- MARAD Roundtable
- FAA Tribal Symposium
- FTA Tribal Symposium
- NHTSA Safety Campaign
- Virtual Job Fair
The purpose of the TTSGP is to provide Tribes and Tribal organizations with greater autonomy, control, flexibility, and decision-making authority over federal transportation funds used to carry out tribal transportation programs and activities in tribal communities.

- Section 1121 of the FAST Act (23 U.S.C. § 207)
- Negotiated rulemaking with Tribes
- Final Rule published on June 1, 2020 (49 C.F.R. part 29)
- Final Rule effective date - October 1, 2020
Tribal Affairs

- Inquiries for funding opportunities
- SME request
- Promote DOT opportunities to Tribal Partners
- Tribal Consultation (host both policy and project based, additionally assist Modes in developing and hosting)
- Technical Assistance
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NCMM Regional Liaison – Corresponding to FTA Regional Offices 4 & 7

Region 4: Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina

Region 7: Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas

Enjoli Dixon, National Center for Mobility Management at Easterseals
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CCAM Mission and Organization

**Mission**

The CCAM issues policy recommendations and implements activities that improve the availability, accessibility, and efficiency of transportation for the following targeted populations:

- Individuals with Disabilities
- Older Adults
- Individuals of Low Income

**History**

The CCAM is an interagency partnership **established in 2004 by Executive Order 13330** to coordinate the efforts of the Federal agencies that fund transportation for CCAM targeted populations.

**Organization**

- DOT Secretary
- HHS Secretary
- ED Secretary
- DOL Secretary
- VA Secretary
- USDA Secretary
- HUD Secretary
- DOI Secretary
- Attorney General
- SSA Comm’r
- NCD Chair

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Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility
Mobility Management Connections

Private Group 158 Members
Mobility Management Champions

Each champion acts as a facilitator of monthly community activity by

• Sharing questions and issues of their choice that are relevant to mobility management activities;
• Disseminate resources and tools that pertain to this topic; and
• Respond to questions posed by other mobility management professionals via the MMC discussion forum.
How to sign up for MMC.

• SIGN UP - Tell us about your role as mobility manager, interest areas, and contact information

• ENGAGE - Share experiences, network, and ask questions of peers with experience in the field

• LEARN - From your peers, NCMM technical assistance, and other national resources
Michael Wilson

- Mobility Manager for Flint Hills Kansas
- Worked in Public Transit since late 2018
- Active in Social Services and Food Systems
- Travel Training, Technology, GTFS-Realtime, Camera Systems, Software
Dre’Vel Taylor

• Mobility Manager for Lawrence/Douglas County
• Worked in Public Transit since early 2022
• Helped to establish travel training for Lawrence Transit
• Volunteer transportation, Commuter study, land-use and planning
Food Access and the fight against Food Insecurity

- Local Food Network Involvement
  - Food and Farm Council
  - Community Meals
- Donating Buses for Mobile Food Pantries
- FTA Incidental Use
  - Meals on Wheels
- Bus Stop Food Pantries (Blessing Boxes)
- Route Design (Mapping)
  - Food Pantries
  - Grocery Stores
  - Community Meal Sites
  - Farmers Market
Food System Plan

• GOAL #3: WE BUILD AND DESIGN OUR COMMUNITIES TO ENSURE FOOD ACCESS, FOSTER HEALTH, AND ELIMINATE FOOD DESERTS

• Objective #1: Reduce built environment and transportation barriers that limit food access

• "Public input about transportation planning has identified grocery stores as important community destinations, but also locations that some residents struggle to reach"
Lawrence Pedestrian Plan

“This Plan developed a process to identify sidewalk gaps, that, if filled, would benefit sidewalk connectivity for access to bus stops, access to healthy food destinations and access to parks. These are destinations that have been identified as additional priorities for mobility within the City’s strategic planning process.”
Visual Media and Story Telling

List view

**Community Meals**

**Jubilee Cafe**

- **Address:** Brady Hall 946 Vermont St, Lawrence, KS 66044
- **Hours:** Tuesday & Friday (7:00 - 8 am)
- **Phone:** 785-841-7500
- **Description:** Restaurant style service and a menu featuring scrambled eggs, bacon, pancakes, and biscuits and gravy.

**LINK Dining Room**

- **Address:** First Christian Church (221 W 10th St, Lawrence, KS 66044)
- **Hours:** Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun (1 to 2 pm)
- **Phone:** 785-331-3663
- **Email:** LINK.Kitchen@yahoo.com

Media view
USDA – Food Desert Map

- Low access by age, race, and more.
- Housing units receiving SNAP
- Housing units without a vehicle
- Population
- Total housing units
Harvesters

- Sometimes we don’t need to recreate the wheel
- Search by pantry, drive-thru food pickup, on-site kitchen

Food Locator

Find a Harvesters Partner Agency in Your Area

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Filter by Open Days:

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Transit Planning –
Route Redesign

Make Every Route a Strong Route

- Boarding, Employment Density, SES Status, Vehicle Access, limited mobility
- Emphasis on access to full-service grocery, medical and educational facilities

Make every route a strong route
Each route aims to connect people, jobs, education, grocery, and medical services without requiring a transfer. Some highlights:

- Changes to Routes 1 & 7 connect East Lawrence residents directly to grocery stores on both routes.
- Changes to Routes 1, 2, 3, and 5 connect people to job centers at East Hills and north-central Lawrence through Downtown and Central Station transfer hubs.
- Changes to Route 6 connect North Lawrence residents to major grocery stores along 6th St.
- Changes to Routes 7 & 9 preserve an important connection from the Holcomb Park neighborhood to Billy Mills MS and Lawrence HS.
- Route 8 connects Peaslee Tech, Haskell, Lawrence High, and KU to the new transfer facility. Route 8 will now have year-round service, serve student housing along Perimeter Rd., and interline with Route 10 for crosstown service to Rock Chalk Park.
Mapping Food

- Lawrence Transit 2024 Proposed Routes
- All grocery stores and Farmers Markets – some via interlining
- Special focus to include smaller ethnic grocery stores
Collaboration and Technical Assistance

- Lawrence Transit, L-DC MPO, and L-DC Mobility Management
- Just Food – Food Pantry and Mobile Food Pantry (Cruising Cupboard)
  - Lessons: Rock Chalk Park, Mobile Delivery
- Mapping Client data
- Data collection changes
Google Mymap

• Create custom maps that highlight what you want to see
• Search for “google mymaps”
• Draw or import bus, bike, or walking routes
• Add points of interest
• Create a legend
• Imbed in website
• Burlington, Vermont
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Public Transit

Kathi S. Littlejohn Transportation Center
Department of Transportation
Public Transit

[Image of a bus and a transportation center]
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Public Transit
Mission Statement:

To Provide Safe and Dependable Transportation at a Reasonable Cost to the Residents and Visitors of the Qualla Boundary
Transit Services
Public & Mobility
Public Transit Services
Fixed-Deviated Service

• Monday thru Friday 6:45 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.

• Service area – Qualla Boundary and partial surrounding counties of Jackson County and Swain County

• 3 routes covering Wolfetown, Birdtown and Big Cove Communities

• 2 routes covering town area: Mountain Trail and River Trail.
Mobility Services

- Monday thru Friday 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- The Mobility Division provides service for medical appointments in Cherokee and nearby towns, and transportation to the dialysis center for patients.
- Serving Qualla, Snowbird and Jackson, Swain, and Graham Counties
About Us

We began offering transportation services in 1997, at first primarily for medical appointments. In 2000, we initiated regular, public routes on the Cherokee Indian Reservation / Qualla Boundary, adding crosstown Cherokee loop routes in 2004.

Public transportation beautifully fits both the region’s need to promote air quality and the Cherokee tradition of communal sharing.
Town Map
Questions
Food + Transportation
March 2024
Who We Are:

Mission: Harvesters mobilizes the power of our community to create equitable access to nutritious food and address the root causes and impact of hunger.

- As a food bank, Harvesters acquires, stores, and distributes food and personal care items to its network of 760 partners across 26 counties in northeast Kansas and northwest Missouri

- Four initiatives: Feeding Children, Feeding Seniors, Feeding Families, and Healthy Eating
In Harvesters’ 26-county service area:

1 in 11 people are at risk of hunger.
That’s 9.5% of the population or 252,650 individuals.

1 in 8 kids are at risk of hunger.
That’s 12.1% of the child population or 75,760 children.

Data comes from Feeding America’s Map the Meal Gap Study 203 and reflects data collected in 2021. To learn more and see how hunger impacts your county, see Feeding America’s interactive food-insecurity map.
Helping People with More than Food
Harvesters’ Food+ focus recognizes that ending hunger involves more than food. We understand creating a “healthy & thriving community where no one is hungry” also involves working in collaboration with others to address issues that often cause our neighbors to experience food insecurity.
ROOT CAUSES OF FOOD INSECURITY

- Housing Instability
- Lack of access to food resources
- Discrimination, stress, and trauma
- Healthcare costs
- Lack of transportation
- Unemployment or under-employment
Food Insecurity is a Complex Problem

Primary Drivers of Food Insecurity

- Unemployment
- Poverty
- Low Assets

Needs don’t exist in isolation and families are making tough tradeoffs to meet basic needs

Builds a bridge from free to accessible food by increasing access and affordability in food deserts.
Bus Stop Pop-Up Pantries

Troost Corridor Collaboration:
- Literacy KC
- Reconciliation Services/Thelma’s Kitchen
- Amethyst Place
- Operation Breakthrough
- RideKC
Bus Stop Pop-Up Pantries

• Many grab-and-go options
• Grocery bags
• Presence of other services and resources:
  • Library
  • Fountain Cards
  • SNAP Outreach
  • Healthcare partners
  • Community assets
Bus Stop Pop-Up Pantries

7th and Minnesota, KCK
Mapping: Bus Routes + Food Resources

To better serve our neighbors who rely on public transportation, we are partnering with Kansas City Area Transit Authority, Lawrence Transit, and Topeka Metro to create a mapping tool displaying Harvesters’ partner agency food pantries located near bus stops in these metro areas.
Check out the new Food+ webpage for more information and partner videos!
Thank you!

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