



Policy Seven

Transit

Transit throughout Topeka should be multi-modal and user-friendly.

Central Business District

A well-designed, balanced transit network is at the center of every successful urban area. Multi-modalism is an important feature to improve the quality of life. Transit stops that connect residents with Downtown, commercial and work areas, and neighborhood centers are a design feature that should be required.



+3.8 Image 58-1 Properly designed bus stops encourage increased transit use



+3.7 Image 56-1 Trolley and light rail lines are the most efficient mode of transit in an urban environment



+1.9 Image 57-1 Dedicated bus lanes in a well designed pedestrian oriented street



+1. Image 59-1 Street car networks are an interesting but expensive option given the low intensity of land use. Dedication of ROW for future use may be prudent

Neighborhoods & Centers - Transit

Quality transit that connects all the neighborhoods to downtown, commercial and work areas, to other neighborhood centers, and recreations and schools could make Topeka/Shawnee more livable and affordable. In order for transit to be efficient and effective, three forms are recommended. The first is an “on demand” system of small vans that use computers, satellites to call and direct the service to within a fifteen minute drive of all neighborhoods. The second is a “line haul” bus that travels along major corridors. The third recommended mode is bicycles.



+2.8 Image 32-2 Transit stops make the commuting experience more positive



+2.4 Image 37-2 Small vans that are part of an on-demand neighborhood transit system are efficient in low density areas



+4.9 Image 38-2 The high rating of bicycle paths suggest that a bike network needs to be implemented

Older Strip Commercial and Urban Periphery - Transit

Quality transit should connect to those locations in the urban periphery and older strip commercial area where there is a concentration of uses.



+3.8 Image 58- Bus transit



+1.5 Image 78-2 Minimum standard for a bus stop in this area



+3.8 Image 77-2 The high rating of bicycle paths suggests the implementation of a bike network to connect urban places to the rural periphery