Coalition Vision

The old Rock Island Railroad corridor from Pleasant Hill to the Truman Sports Complex in Kansas City is protected for the purpose of trail and transit use and provides the primary connection for Kansas City to the Missouri KATY Trail State Park.
Coalition Mission

Protect the Rock Island Railroad corridor (connection to the KATY Trail State Park) from Pleasant Hill to Kansas City for trail and future transit transportation.
Founding Members

- Greenwood
- Kansas City
- Lee’s Summit
- Pleasant Hill
- Raytown
- Jackson County
- Cass County
- Mid-America Regional Council
Corridor Location
Preservation Benefits

• Transportation
• Economic
• Tourism
• Recreation
• Health
• Environmental
Need for Coalition

- Protect the corridor
- Raise funding
- Negotiate access
- Construct trail and access points
- Preserve future transportation options
Current Status

- Pleasant Hill to Leeds Junction (Truman Sports Complex)
  - Owned by Union Pacific Railroad
- Windsor to Pleasant Hill
  - Owner by Missouri Central Railway (subsidiary of Ameren UE)
Rock Island Railroad Line

- Incorporated in Illinois as the Rock Island and LaSalle Railroad Company, Feb. 27, 1847 later amended to be the Chicago and Rock Island.
- Connected Chicago with the Mississippi River on Feb. 22, 1854
- Acquired St. Louis, Kansas City and Gulf in 1902 to complete route between KC and St. Louis
- 1964 pursued complicated merger with Union Pacific for 10 years
Rock Island Railroad Line

- Entered third and final bankruptcy on March 17, 1975. Liquidated and sold in largest bankruptcy liquidation in US History up until that time.
- Final train ran through Kansas City in the early 1970’s
- Corridor purchased by Union Pacific Railroad who later sold some of the trackage rights to the Missouri Central Railway (Subsidiary of Ameren UE)
Settlement with AmerenUE

- State granted perpetual use (by license agreement) of a 46-mile section between Windsor and Pleasant Hill, Mo.
- $18 million payment to the State of Missouri Parks Earnings Fund for construction.
KATY Trail State Park

- 225 Mile long - stretches across much of Missouri
- Clinton, MO to Machens, MO (near St. Louis)
- Hiking, running, & cycling – horseback riding on 25 mile section
How we connect to the Katy
Windsor
SE Pleasant Hill
Jefferson Street
Pryor Road
3rd Street
I-470 Underpass
Little Blue River
Little Blue River
Little Blue River
South of Bannister Road
Bannister Road
Tunnel 1903-4
North of Bannister Road
350 Hwy\Noland Rd
71st and Woodson
Maywood@67th St
Railroad Street
Raytown Trafficwy \\ 63rd
Blue Ridge Cut-Off
Blue Ridge Cut-Off
Sportsman Drive – Gate 4
Lancer Lane – Gate 5
Manchester Trafficway
Manchester Trafficway
Questions
Thank you

"Corridor to The Katy"

The Kansas City Area Rock Island Corridor Coalition