



# METROPOLITAN CULTURE DISTRICT BI-STATE COMMISSION

## 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

### THE BI-STATE COMMISSION



Commonly referred to as the Bi-State Commission, the Metropolitan Culture District is a special district authorized in 1996 by a joint compact between the states of Kansas and Missouri. The governing bodies in five metro area counties authorized placing the question of forming the district on the ballot. Voters in Platte, Clay and Jackson counties in Missouri, and Johnson County, Kansas, approved the measure forming the district.

The proposal to form the current district specified that a retail sales tax of 1/8 of one cent would be collected from within the district until \$118 million had been received. The proceeds of the tax were limited in use to renovate Union Station and to construct Science City in Union Station. From April 1, 1997, to March 31, 2002, \$121,393,565 was collected. The tax expired in the first quarter of 2002.

#### Why is there a Commission?

Ownership of Union Station was conveyed to a nonprofit corporation — Union Station, Kansas City, Inc. USKC is responsible for operating and maintaining Union Station as a cultural facility. The Bi-State Commission works to ensure that future development and/or use of Union Station and the immediate area are consistent with the Union Station Master Plan that was adopted when voters approved the sales tax. The plan guides efforts to protect the public's interest in Union Station.

### BI-STATE COMMISSIONERS

The current commission is composed of elected and appointed public officials representing Johnson, Jackson, Clay, and Platte counties; the city governing bodies of the seven cities in the counties with more than 50,000 residents; and the state arts and/or humanities councils through appointments made by the governor of each state.

#### State of Kansas

David Lindstrom 2011–  
Gubernatorial Appointee

#### State of Missouri

Michael Donovan 2019–  
Gubernatorial Appointee

#### Jackson County, Missouri

Charlie Franklin 2019–  
County Legislator

#### Johnson County, Kansas

Michael Ashcraft 2016–  
Commissioner

#### Clay County, Missouri

Jerry Nolte 2019–  
Presiding Commissioner

#### Platte County, Missouri

Ron Schieber 2015–  
Presiding Commissioner

#### Blue Springs, Missouri

Chris Lievsay 2012–  
City Councilmember

#### Independence, Missouri

Eileen Weir 2017–  
Mayor

#### Shawnee, Kansas

Eric Jenkins 2019–  
City Councilmember

#### Lee's Summit, Missouri

Beto Lopez 2019–  
City Councilmember

#### Kansas City, Missouri

Katheryn Shields 2015–  
City Councilmember

#### Overland Park, Kansas

Curt Skoog 2012–  
City Councilmember

#### Olathe, Kansas

Marge Vogt 2015–  
City Councilmember

#### 2021 OFFICERS

##### Chairperson

Curt Skoog, Overland Park, Kansas  
City Councilmember

##### Vice-Chairperson

Eileen Weir  
Independence, Missouri  
Mayor

##### Treasurer

Marge Vogt  
Olathe, Kansas  
City Councilmember

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	Variance	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	Variance
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	50,685	50,685	0	50,785	50,785	0
<b>Revenue</b>						
Interest Income	0	100	100	0	25	25
Total Revenue	0	100	100	0	25	25
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Capital Improvements	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administration – MARC accounting and clerical support	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Audit	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance	150	0	150	150	150	0
Legal fees	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
Other	50	0	50	50	0	50
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	3,200	0	3,200	3,200	1,150	2,050
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	\$47,485	\$50,785	\$3,300	\$47,585	\$49,660	\$2,075

Under the provisions of the Sales Tax Escrow and Disbursement Agreement, the Commission allocated \$889,000 of the tax receipts to provide for the budgeted administrative costs of the Commission. In addition, a total of \$110,605 was transferred to the administrative fund from the project fund.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The assets of the Bi-State Commission exceeded liabilities at the close of calendar year 2021 by \$49,660.

## SELECTED PROJECTS

2002-2003 — Renovation of leasable space.....	\$434,591
2003 — AMTRAK Depot Renovation .....	\$686,248
2004 — Rail Exhibit: purchase of rail cars from collection .....	\$550,000
2004-2007 — Paleo Prep Lab.....	\$500,000
2004-2007 — Sky Dome Planetarium.....	\$273,330
2005-2007 — Train Exhibit (miniature train collection) .....	\$100,000
2008 — Exhibit Hall (for dedicated exhibit space) .....	\$500,000
2010 — Energy Improvements .....	\$7,011
2012 — Fire Protection Issues/Maintenance .....	\$250,000
2016 — Vehicular Bridge Connecting Parking Structure .....	\$50,000
2018 — Portion of Costs toward Exterior Maintenance .....	\$250,000
Total Additional Projects.....	\$3,601,180



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