

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.

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This title may be cited as the "Federally Recognized Indian SEC. 102. DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this title:

(1) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village or community that the secretary of the Interior acknowledges to exist as an Indian
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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.transportatio n.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 WHCNAA
- 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





Tribal Transportation Self Governance Program

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

Contact information

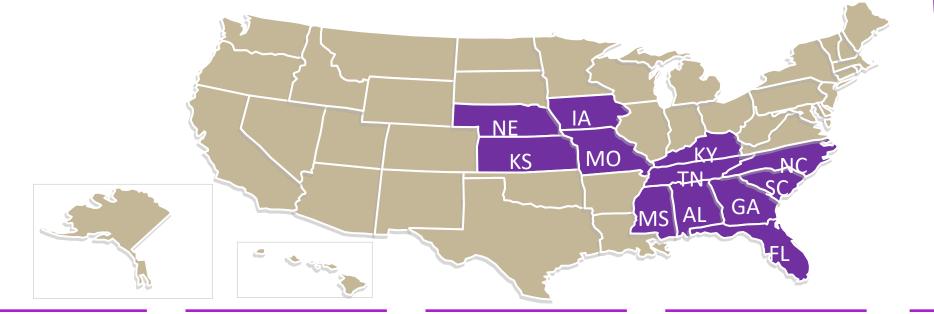
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Mobility Management Connections

Food Access and Mobility Working Group





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





nc4mm.org

Who We Are

A national technical assistance center funded through a cooperative agreement with the Federal Transit Administration and operated through a consortium of three national organizations







Our Mission

To promote customer-centered mobility strategies that advance good health, economic vitality, self-sufficiency, and community.

We work to promote cross-sector partnerships and help communities create/improve transportation options — "mobility management"



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

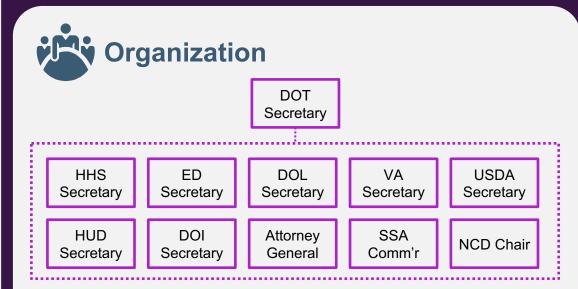


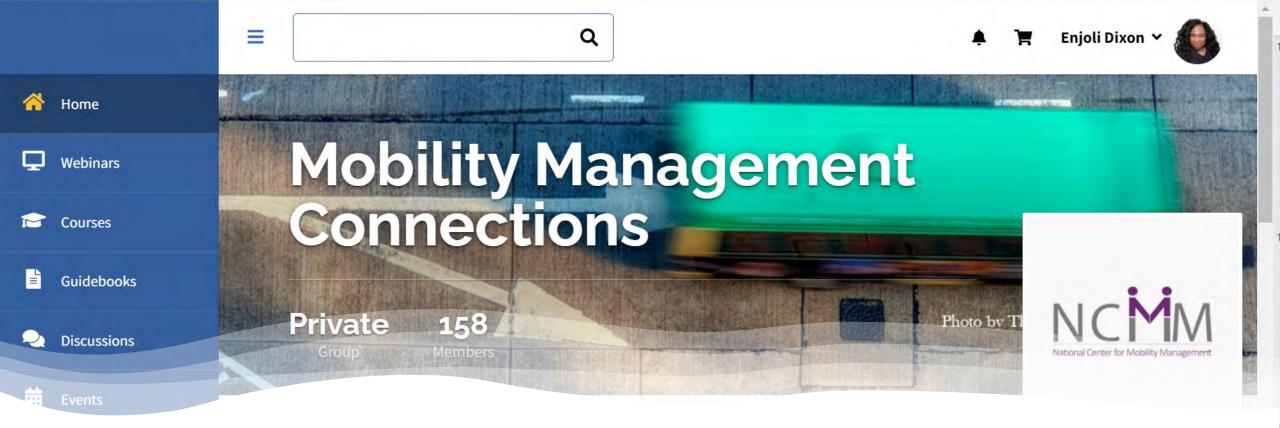
Individuals of Low Income



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.





Mobility Management Connections

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



Technical Assistance (TA) Centers







National Center for Mobility Management
www.nc4mm.org 1-866-846-6400
info@nc4mm.org Annual Community Grants



National Aging and Disability Transportation Center www.nadtc.org 1-866-983-3222 contact@nadtc.org Annual Community Grants









Shared-Use Mobility Center www.sharedusemobilitycenter.org 1-312-448-8083 info@sharedusemobilitycenter.org



National Center for Applied Transit Technology www.ctaa.org/about-n-catt/

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







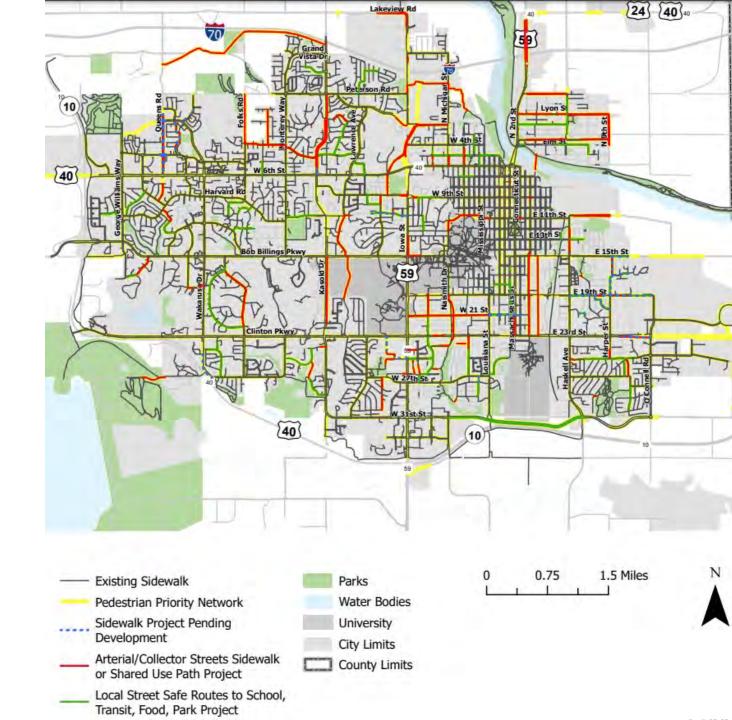
Food System Plan

- 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

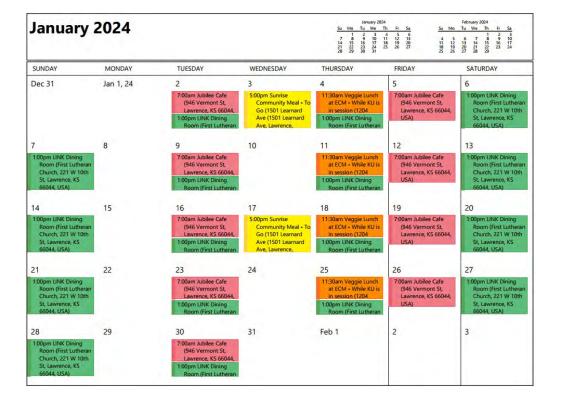
•Address: First Christian Church (221 W 10th St, Lawrence, KS 66044)

•Hours: Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun (1 to 2 pm)

•Phone:785-331-3663

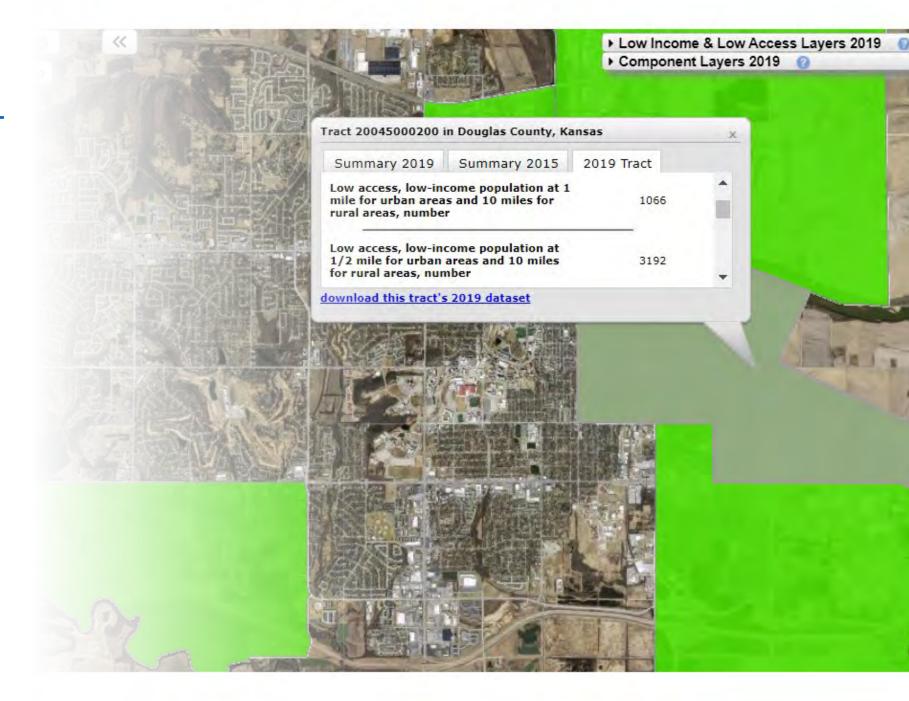
•Email: LINK.Kitchen@yahoo.com

Media view



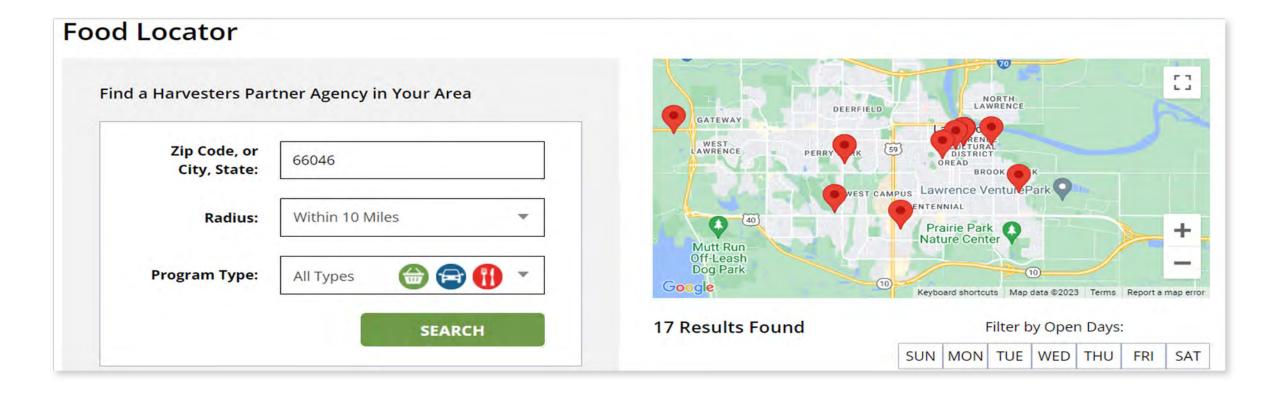
USDA – Food Desert Map

- 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



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.



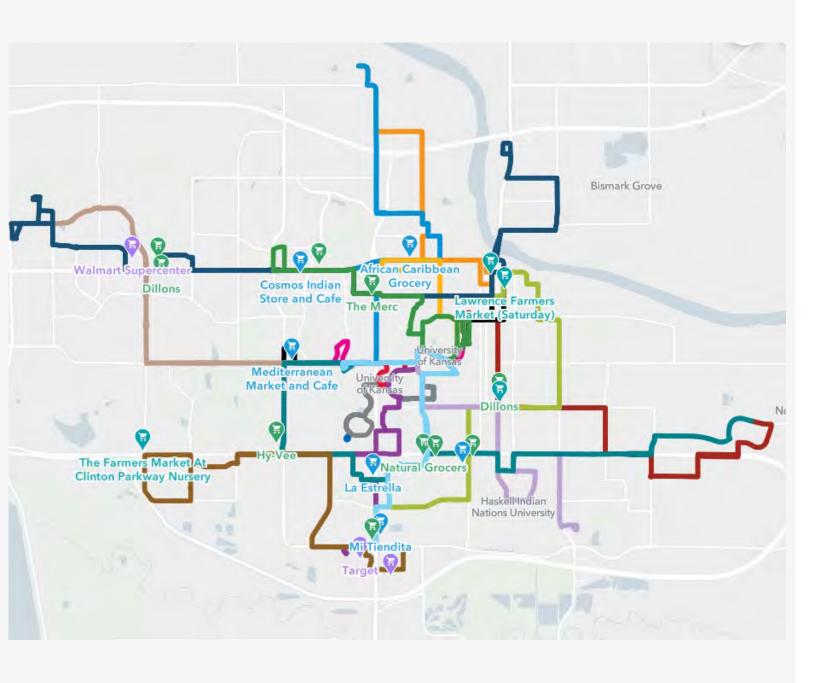
Changes to Route 6 connect North Lawrence residents to major grocery stores along 6th St.



Changes to Routes 7 & 9 preserve an important connection from the Holcom 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.



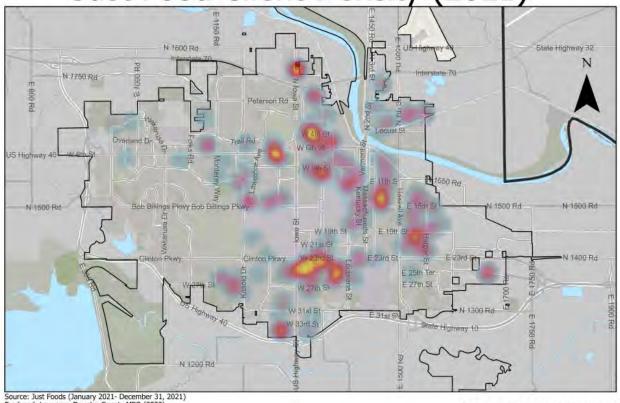
Mapping Food

- 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

Just Food Client Density (2021)



Produced: Lawrence-Douglas County MPO (2022)

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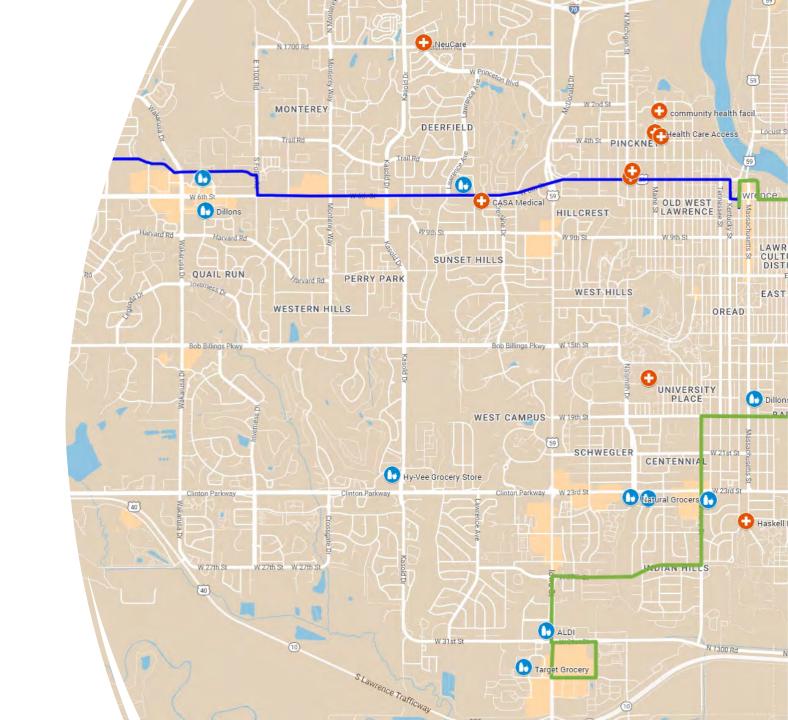
This map displays a heat map of the 2021 unique households of community members seeking service from Just Food. The data is weighted based on household size.

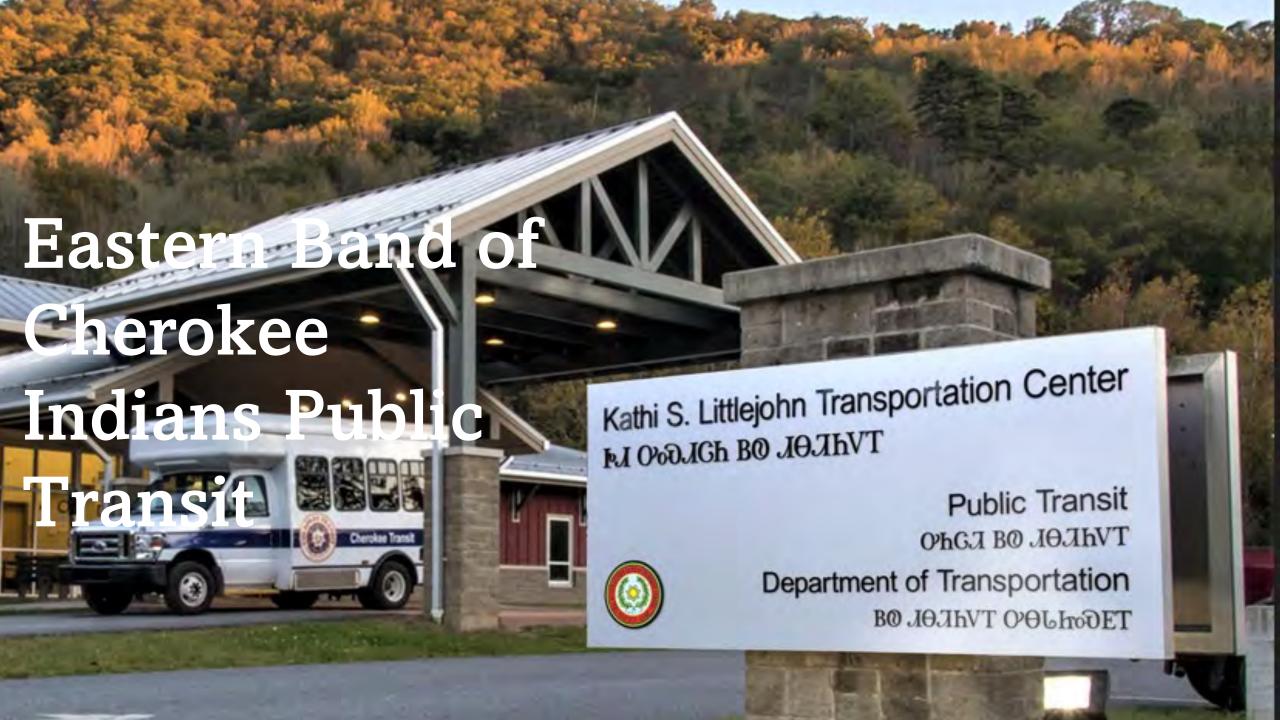
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Dense

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



Mission Statement:

To Provide Safe and Dependable Transportation at a Reasonable Cost to the Residents and Visitors of the Qualla Boundary





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





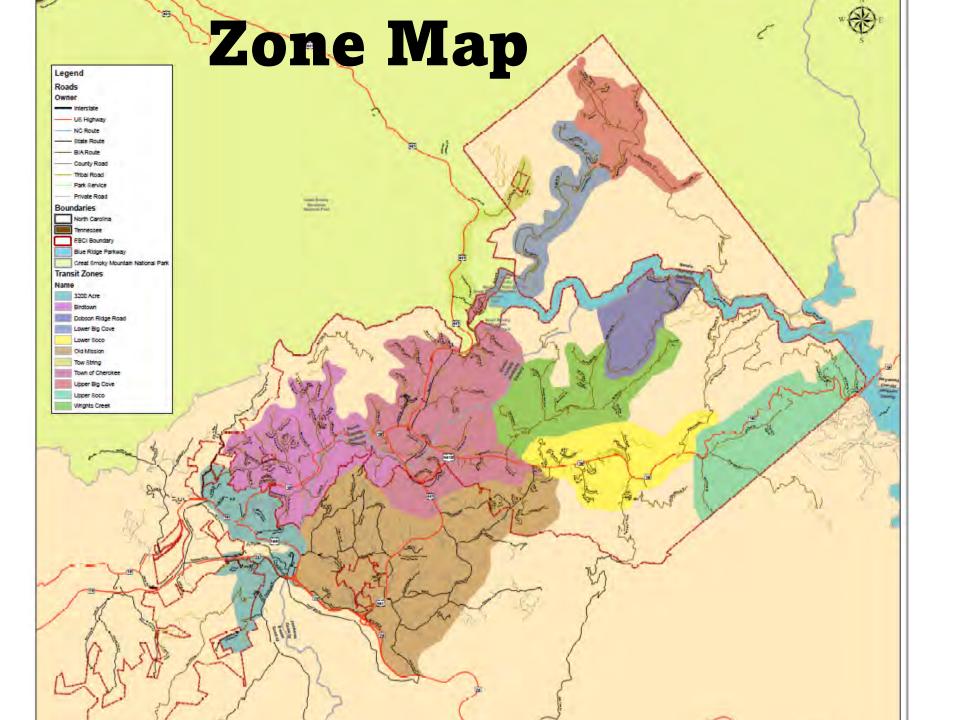
About Us

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.

Hardees The Mountain Trail route (Orange on the map) follows US 19, US 441 and the connecting Business 441 (Casino Trail). Peter's Aquoni **Pancakes** The River Trail route (red on the map) follows US 441 North Baymont (Tsali Blvd), Acquoni Road and Ocono Valley Dairy a portion of US 19 to the Townhouses Queen Casino. Oconalultee River T sall Bivit GLW Library & Oconaluftee Fitness Center Indian Village Post (Office Cherokee Transit Office Unto These Hills Mountainside Theatre As needed Fairgrounds Bureau of Welcome Indian Affairs 19 Center Drowning. Acqueni. **Bear Street** To Road Bryson City Island Park-Island Park River Side Hospital Rd. Chestnut Tree **Downtown Kiosk** & Welcome Tsalagi EconoLodge Road Center Seven Hampton Johnson Clans Rodeway Inn Arch Road Road Occupatultee Inn River Burger King Stockyard Smoky Mountain Whitewater Inn & Suites Drive Quality Cherokee Food Lion Crossing Microtel Qualla Motel Catamount

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





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

DISCRIMINATION, STRESS AND TRAUMA

LACK OF ACCESS
TO FOOD RESOURCES

HEALTHCARE COSTS

LACK OF TRANSPORTATION

UNEMPLOYMENT OR UNDER-EMPLOYMENT

Food Insecurity is a Complex Problem

Primary Drivers of Food Insecurity



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



Graphic: Collective Impact and Community Change, Feeding America, 2018.





Builds a bridge from free to accessible food by increasing access and affordability in food deserts.



Bus Stop Pop-Up Pantries



- Literacy KC
- Reconciliation Services/Thelma's Kitchen
- Amethyst Place
- Operation Breakthrough



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







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 <u>new Food+ webpage</u> for more information and partner videos!



Thank you!



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