

# Job Access Reverse Commute Program & New Freedom Program 2009 FUNDING APPLICATION

## Important Dates

1. **Pre-Application Workshop:** 9:00 a.m. CST, Wednesday, February 11, 2009, Mid-America Regional Council, 600 Broadway, Suite 200, Kansas City, Mo.
2. **Application Due Date:** noon CST on March 25, 2009

## Contact Information

Direct all questions and inquiries to Stewart Nelson, [snelson@marc.org](mailto:snelson@marc.org), or Ron Achelpohl, [rona@marc.org](mailto:rona@marc.org), at (816) 474-4240.

## Application Submission Instructions

1. Please combine this application and all supporting documentation into **one electronic file** for submission to the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC). If you need assistance attaching documents onto this form, contact MARC.
2. Submit your application file via e-mail to [snelson@marc.org](mailto:snelson@marc.org) by noon CST on March 25, 2009.
3. Refer to the Competitive Selection Booklet for more details about how to provide information requested in the application.  
[www.marc.org/transportation/pdf/2009jarcnewfreedom\\_booklet.pdf](http://www.marc.org/transportation/pdf/2009jarcnewfreedom_booklet.pdf)
4. Applicants **must submit a separate, fully completed application** for each funding program.
5. Each applicant must provide three years of budget information for each project. This requirement is detailed under the Sustainability and Project Financing section.
6. Please make sure that all supporting documentation is electronically attached to the application document before submitting it.
7. All supporting documents that are electronically attached to the application must be labeled with the appropriate application section.

Each text box in Section 3 of this application is limited to **500 words**. Microsoft Word counts all words, even if the word is a single letter, such as “a” or “I”; however, it does not count spaces between words. The software program can automatically count words in a document. For help using the Word Count feature, search for “Word Count” in Microsoft Word Help.

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## 1. General Information

### 1.1. Program Applying for (choose one):

Section 5316 **JARC** (Operating)     Section 5317 **New Freedom** (Operating)

### 1.2. Funding will be used for which of the following:

New Service     Continuation of Service     Expansion of Service

### 1.3 Legal Name of Organization:

### 1.4 Person Submitting Application

Name: Alice M. Amrein

Address: 1701 West 56 Highway

City/State/Zip: Johnson County, Kansas 66061

Phone: (913) 782-2210

E-mail: alice.amrein@jocogov.org

#### Contact Person (if different)

Name: Margaret Brown

Address: 1701 West 56 Highway

City/State/Zip: Johnson County, Kansas 66061

Phone: (913) 782-2210

E-mail: margaret.brown@jocogov.org

### 1.5 List the names of individuals authorized to enter into contract(s) and amendments with the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA).

Name: Alice M. Amrein

Name:

Title: Transportation Director

Title:

Phone: (913) 782-2210

Phone:

Fax: (913) 715-2475

Fax:

Address: 1701 West 56 Highway

Address:

City/State/Zip: Olathe, Kansas 66061

City/State/Zip:

E-mail: alice.amrein@jocogov.org

E-mail:

### 1.6 Applicant Status (choose one):

- Private Nonprofit Organization  
 State or Local Government  
 Public Transportation Operator  
 Private Operator of Public Transportation

### 1.7 Project Name: Johnson County Transit New Freedom Project

### 1.8 Amount of Federal Request per FFY:

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2008: \$115,251

2009: \$176,809

(To continue new service in FY 2010)

(To continue new service in FY 2011)

**2. Sustainability and Project Financing**

Provide budget information for your project that identifies the amount and source of LOCAL MATCH in the tables below. Also indicate which local match sources are capable of sustaining the project once FFY 2008 and FFY 2009 JARC or New Freedom funds are completely expended.

**2.1 Start Date or Date of Planned Implementation:** January 1, 2009

<b>2.2</b>	<b>Total Cost (\$)</b>	<b>Program Funds (\$)</b>	<b>Local Match (\$)</b>	<b>Source</b>
	Enter the total project cost per year in this column.	Enter the amount of federal funding requested per year in this column.	Enter the amount of local match you are providing per year in this column. (The Program Funds and the Local Match must at least equal the Total Project Cost.)	Enter the source(s) of the local match your agency is providing in this column. Address the sustainability of those funds.
<b>Year 1</b>	\$230,502	\$115,251	\$115,251	County Operating Budget Special Edition and SWIFT fare revenue
<b>Year 2</b>	\$353,618	\$176,809	\$176,809	County Operating Budget Special Edition and SWIFT fare revenue
<b>Year 3</b>	\$388,980	\$194,490	\$194,490	County Operating Budget Special Edition and SWIFT fare revenue. For Year 3, JCT will investigate grant opportunities to fund expansion of this services. If grant funds are not available, JCT will include the expansion

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				project in its County budget request
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Please describe the activities or steps involved in implementing your project and the associated milestones from project start to end.

### 2.3 Project Details

### Action Steps

### Expected Outcome

<p>Enter information on the activities you expect to offer with these federal funds each year.</p>	<p>Enter the action steps you will take to support the project activities listed in the Project Details column.</p>	<p>Enter the expected outcomes from each action step listed and address sustainability.</p>
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#### Year 1

<p>Year 1 -2010 Continuation of Special Edition Service</p> <p>Continuation of Sheltered Workshop Industrial Fixed Transit (SWIFT)</p>	<p>Monitor services to ensure they are meeting program goals.</p> <p>Revise services, as needed, to improve transportation for the target group.</p>	<p>Transportation services are planned to meet the target group's needs in the service area. New service began in January 2009 for the Special Edition Service and in March 2009 for the SWIFT program.</p>
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#### Year 2

<p>Year 2 - 2011 Continuation of Special Edition and SWIFT service. Expand elderly and disabled services by 15 hours per weekday, along with continuing Year 1 expansion</p>	<p>Continue to monitor services to ensure they are meeting program goals.</p> <p>Continue meeting with the Accessibility Sub-Committee to discuss opportunities to improve services.</p> <p>Revise services, as needed, to improve transportation for the target group.</p>	<p>Services are provided to individuals who need transportation to employment, medical appointments, and other destinations to support community based living.</p>
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**Year 3**

<p>Year 3 -2012 Continuation of Special Edition and SWIFT Expansion.</p>	<p>Monitor services to ensure they are meeting program goals.</p> <p>Continue meeting with the Accessibility Sub-Committee to discuss opportunities to improve services.</p> <p>Revise services, as needed, to improve transportation for the target group.</p>	<p>Services are provided to individuals who need transportation to employment, medical appointments, and other destinations to support community based living.</p>
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2.4 Can this project be scaled to a more limited scope with less funding? (Select one)

Yes

No

2.5 If NO, please explain.

2.6 If YES, how might the scope of the project be limited?

If fully funded the proposal would fund twelve (12) additional hours of SWIFT services and six (6) additional hours of Special Edition service each day in Year 1, and provide an additional 15 hours per weekday in Year 2. If the project is limited in scope, JCT would prefer it be funded at half the service level requested. The limited scope service would consist of cutting back the Special Edition to 3 hours and SWIFT to 6 hours each day. However, the full amount is needed to achieve JCT's goal to enhance the Special Edition service to respond to increasing demand, and provide improved service to the elderly and disabled residents and employees accessing jobs or services throughout the County.

## 3. Project Criteria

### 3.1 Local Government Partnerships (if applicable)

Please refer to Section IV.C.1.c of the Competitive Selection Booklet for more information on this section. List up to three local government partnerships that are important for this project. Attach relevant copies of partnership agreements with your local government partner(s) in Section 4 of this document and label each attachment as "Local Government Partnerships Attachment 1," etc.

Local Government Partner:

City of Olathe

Phone: 913-971-6260

Address: 201 North Cherry

City/State/Zip: Olathe, Kansas 66061

E-mail: [cramseyer@olatheks.org](mailto:cramseyer@olatheks.org)

Contact Person: Carroll Ramseyer

Fax: 913-971-6277

Local Government Partner: Johnson County  
Developmental Supports

Phone: 913-826-2342

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City/State/Zip: Lenexa, Kansas 66219

Contact Person: Beth Stockwell

Fax:

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E-mail: beth.stockwell@jocogov.org

Local Government Partner: Johnson County  
Human Services and Aging  
Phone: 913-715-8912  
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City/State/Zip: Olathe, Kansas 66061  
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Contact Person: James Swain  
Fax: 913-715-8825

## **3.2 Cooperative/Partnering Operations**

Please refer to section IV.C of the Competitive Selection Booklet for more information on this section.

3.2.1 Do you have an agreement with another agency(ies) in addition to your local government partnerships that enhances mobility services among and/or between communities?

Yes                       No

3.2.2 If yes, please list the name of the agency(ies) with whom you cooperate to enhance mobility services. Coordination can include such activities such as joint purchasing of vehicles, joint planning, sharing vehicles, dispatching, scheduling, training and maintenance, or coordinating client trips.

Agency Name:

Kansas Coordinated Transit District Council (dba CTD#1)

Agency Name:

Agency Name:

3.2.3 In the text box below, describe how the project demonstrates coordination or partnering with local jurisdictions, other agencies, and interested stakeholder organizations. Summarize the nature of your cooperative activities with the partners listed in Question 3.2.2 above, and attach copies of your cooperative agreements or memoranda of understanding to Section 4. Label any attachments as "Cooperative/Partnering Operations Attachment 1", etc. **(500 words or less)**

This project will be planned in cooperation with the JCT Accessibility Sub-Committee and staff members from Johnson County Developmental Supports and Human Services and Aging. Input from CTD#1 members will be considered during regularly scheduled meetings. JCT will provide quarterly reports to the JCT sub-committee that tracks the project's performance. JCT staff will monitor performance through monthly operation reports and customer service requests. JCT will work with the JCT Accessibility Sub-Committee to determine and assess improvements that can be made to services such as better coordination between partnering organizations.

## **3.3 Community-Based Transportation**

Please refer to Sections III and IV of the Competitive Selection Booklet for more information on this section. Specifically cite and be prepared to discuss ways in which your project is derived from the

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Action Steps found in Transportation Outlook 2030, Chapter 5.9. In the text box below each question, provide the information requested in **500 words or less**.

- 3.3.1 Describe how your project supports the concept of community-based transportation found in the Coordinated Public Transportation–Human Services Plan and fits within the Smart Moves service concept described in Transportation Outlook 2030.

The Special Edition and SWIFT projects expand existing community-based transportation for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and low income persons residing in Johnson County. During JCT Accessibility Sub-Committee meetings representatives of these target groups will be asked to provide input into design and planning of the service.

Special Edition provides affordable curb-to-curb service for Johnson County residents who are 60 or older, have a documented disability, or are within established low-income guidelines.

The SWIFT program is a partnership with JCT and JCDS to provide transportation service to JCDS clients who access the Sheltered Workshop at JCDS. The SWIFT service would continue to provide transportation for JCDS consumers to community based employment destinations.

This project fits within the Smart Moves service concept described in Transportation Outlook 2030 as updated, in the following sections:

- 5.9.2.5 - Promote the expansion of services for the elderly, individuals with disabilities and low income persons;
- 5.9.3.2 - Pursue new federal, state and local funds to implement expanded services to meet transit demand.
- 5.9.3.4 - Pursue other grant opportunities to serve special transit markets.

- 3.3.2 List the goals of your organization and the project for which you are seeking funding. How will your project address these goals and objectives?

One of the six strategic points of the JCT Five-Year Strategic Plan is to "enhance the quality and utility of Special Edition services for seniors and persons with disabilities." This project will provide additional service as well as a mechanism through the Accessibility Sub-Committee to provide oversight to ensure quality services are provided to meet the needs of the target population.

- 3.3.3 Describe how this project will serve needs that are unserved or underserved in the geographic service area. Such needs may include evening, weekend, split shift, childcare issues, etc.

Last year, denials for Special Edition services ranged from 150 to 180 per month. Tracking denials is one mechanism that JCT uses to determine unserved need. In addition, JCDS has given JCT a list of 120 consumers who are currently transported by Job Coaches in JCDS vehicles. This constitutes a group of developmentally disabled persons that JCT is unable to serve due to lack of operating funds.

## **3.4 Service Description and Service Level**

Please refer to section IV of the Competitive Selection booklet for more information on this section. In the text box below each question, provide the information requested in **500 words or less**.

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- 3.4.1 Geographic area to be served: List all counties, cities, and other locations to be served. If available, please attach a map to this document in Section 4, and label the document "Service Description and Service Level Attachment 1, etc."

SWIFT - Johnson County  
Special Edition- Service Area within Johnson County (see attached map)

- 3.4.2 Describe the target population(s) to be served, how the consumer will be involved in the planning/design of the services, how the service will be marketed to this target population, and how this population will access the service.

The target populations for this service include individuals with developmental disabilities, individuals with physical disabilities, older adults, and low-income individuals. These target populations are represented on the JCT Accessibility Sub-Committee. This group provides input into the planning and design of Special Edition and SWIFT services. JCT will continue to market the service through its website, pamphlets, brochures, local media, presentations to community groups, and public meetings. JCT's Marketing and Communication's staff will continue to participate in senior and community fairs and other targeted outreach. After individuals have been found eligible for Special Edition, they may make reservation on a first-come, first-served basis by calling the JCT dispatch to schedule a ride. SWIFT must be accessed through JCDS, who will make travel arrangements for consumers.

- 3.4.3 Describe the operational characteristics of the proposed service, such as fares, operating hours, days of operation, type of service (fixed route, demand response, subscription, coupon).

Special Edition is a demand response service provided to Johnson County residents who are 60 or older, have a documented disability, or meet the low-income guidelines. Special Edition operates Monday through Friday from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, except holidays. Fares are determined by the mileage of each one-way trip and range from \$5.00- \$7.00 per trip. Reduced fare is \$3.10 per one-way trip. Approximately 80% of riders use Special Edition to go to and from work.

The SWIFT service will provide transportation to additional JCDS consumers, either by taking them directly to jobs within the community or to the Elmore Center, which is the Sheltered Workshop location. The fare is \$3.10 per one way trip not to exceed \$124 a month. First Transit currently uses Navitrans software to develop SWIFT routes. This software is a tool that assists with efficient utilization of vehicles and driver time. Services would be provided within the timeframe of 6:00 am and 6:00 pm.

- 3.4.4 Indicate whether the applicant will operate the service directly or via contract with another entity.

The service will be operated via a contract with First Transit.

- 3.4.5 Indicate the number of average one-way passenger trips *per day, per month and annually* that the project hopes to provide. If possible, break down by trip type (medical, employment, daycare, etc.) or target population served. If this project is an expansion of service, indicate both the current and anticipated average one-way passenger trips per month.

Current Special Edition (FY 2008 used as basis)- 263 per day, 5,618 per month, and 67,420 per year

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Current SWIFT (FY 2008 used as basis)- 131 per day, 2,786 per month, and 33,433 per year

- 3.4.6 Indicate the cost per one-way passenger trip for each trip type. If needed, provide a brief explanation or justification of the costs.

Special Edition Cost per One-Way Passenger Trip (2009)- \$48.00  
SWIFT Cost per One-Way Passenger Trip (2009)- \$26.00

### **3.5 Administrative Capacity (Feasibility)**

Please refer to section IV.C of the Competitive Selection booklet for more information on this section. Does your organization have the manpower and the resources to carry out your proposed project? Describe how your organization will address federal requirements for record keeping, and in the text box below each question, provide the information requested in **500 words or less**.

- 3.5.1 ORGANIZATION: equipment, office capability and location, communications system and institutional capacity

Johnson County Transit is a department of Johnson County Government. The administrative office is located within the Murray L. Nolte Transit Center at 1701 West 56 Highway in Olathe, Kansas, and houses 11 employees and over 100 contract employees. JCT has an IT Manager with over 10 years of technological experience, and an IT Specialist III with over 9 years of experience. The IT Manager oversees the provision and maintenance of hardware, software, GIS, internet/web, e-mail and telecommunications, as well as JCT's newly deployed Google Transit launched in January 2009. This web-based system provides up-to-date scheduling information for transportation services provided by The JO routes.

These individuals are also charged with day-to-day service and operation of JCT's Network system that supports over 25 computers and laptops. The IT Manager determines and monitors the current level and effectiveness of the database server and networks, as well as maintains the computer security. JCT contracts with First Transit to operate planned transit services. First Transit's offices are also located within the Murray L. Nolte Transit Center. JCT monitors First Transit's performance via monthly operations reports and on-going meetings.

JCT's technical support staff also monitors the Automated Transit Systems such as E-trip – KCATA's web-based program where an individual can get a trip itinerary using the transit system. JCT is developing an Automated Transit System, GPS, to create a real-time system to incorporate on-street electronic signage at major bus stops.

JCT also owns and operates office equipment used in its daily operations such as fax machines, and copiers that are also located on site.

- 3.5.2 ABILITY: reporting requirements, recordkeeping, documentation, bookkeeping, invoicing required by federal regulation

JCT has the necessary staffing and resources to carry out the proposed projects. JCT has

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been the recipient of many federal and state grants. Since 1990, Alice M. Amrein, Transportation Director, has managed grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$6.5 million. The majority of funds were received from the Federal Transit Administration and the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Sue Howard, the Financial and Administration Manager is a Certified Public Accountant. Sue has over 16 years of experience in the accounting arena and is familiar with the reporting, recordkeeping, documentation and bookkeeping aspects required by federal regulations and the generally accepted accounting principles.

JCT currently administers several federally funded programs which require detailed documentation. JCT's Grants and Projects Administrator has over 26 years of experience in grant management, record keeping and federal requirements. This individual also keeps JCT staff informed of current Federal and State requirements.

The Finance and Administration Manager and the Grants and Project Administrator are responsible for submitting federal reports. Both have extensive experience in recordkeeping, bookkeeping, and invoicing.

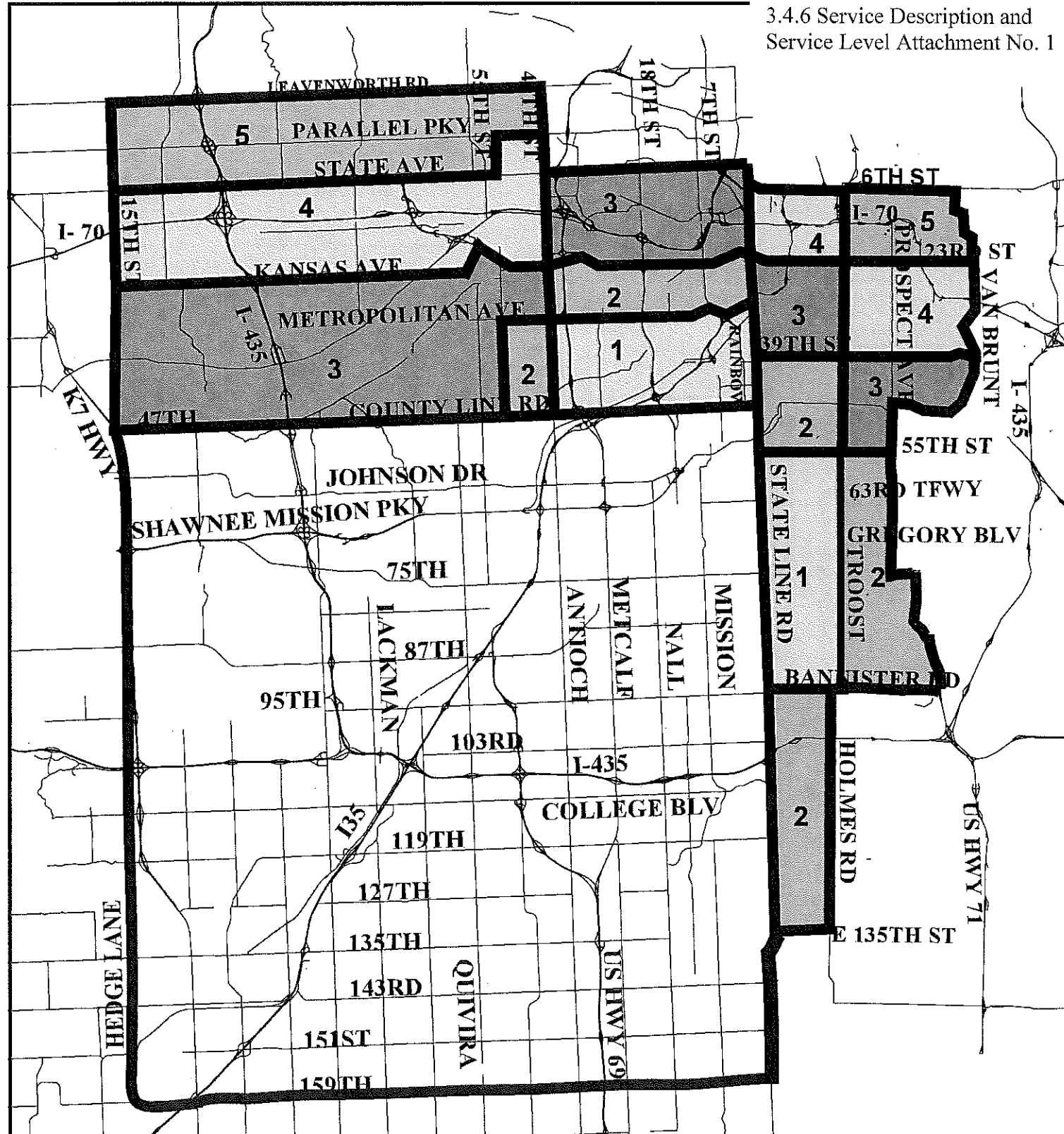
JCT has developed a Grants Management Manual that provides standard operating procedures for Federal and State grant requirements. JCT maintains a file that includes the various regulations that pertain to Federal reporting requirements outlined in the Code of Federal Regulations.

### **4. Supplemental Information and Attachments**

Electronically attach properly labeled supplemental information as referenced above. This may include cooperative agreements, MOUs, service map(s), and any other documents necessary to fully describe your project. If you have technical problems or questions about attaching documents to this form, please contact MARC for assistance.

# The JO-Special Edition Service Area/Zone Map

3.4.6 Service Description and  
Service Level Attachment No. 1



3.4.6 Service Description and  
Service Level Attachment No. 2

<b>Attachment A 3.4.6-Service Description and Service Level</b>	<b>Special Edition</b>	<b>SWIFT</b>
Service Hours per Day	6	12.5
Service Hours per Year	1530	3187.5
Ave. trips per hour	1.7	3.2
One-Way Trips per Year	2586	6120
2009 Hourly Rate (includes fuel)	\$ 81.00	\$ 51.00
2009 Total Cost	\$ 123,930	\$ 162,563
2009 Program Funds	\$ 61,965	\$ 81,281
2009 Local Match	\$ 61,965	\$ 81,281
2010 Hourly Rate (includes fuel)	\$ 89.10	\$ 56.10
2010 Total Cost	\$ 136,323	\$ 178,819
2010 Program Funds	\$ 68,162	\$ 89,409
2010 Local Match	\$ 68,162	\$ 89,409
2011 Hourly Rate (includes fuel)	\$ 98.01	\$ 61.71
2011 Total Cost	\$ 149,955	\$ 196,701
2011 Program Funds	\$ 74,978	\$ 98,350
2011 Local Match	\$ 74,978	\$ 98,350
2009 Cost per One-Way Passenger Trip	47.92	26.56
New Rate of \$46.95		

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3.4.6 Service Description and  
Service Level Attachment No.3

**2008 Special Edition Ridership**

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Hours	Revenue	2,939	2,841	2,811	2,976	2,802	2,815	2,980	2,884	2,968	3,113	2,869	2,759
	Non-reven	567	513	523	517	544	542	557	514	531	570	472	588
	Total	3,506	3,354	3,334	3,493	3,346	3,357	3,537	3,398	3,499	3,683	3,341	3,347
Ridership		5,825	5,701	5,610	6,040	5,499	5,508	5,900	5,923	6,211	6,147	4,420	4,636
Avg Trips per Hour		1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.3	1.4

41,195  
**67,420**  
1.64      1.64

**2008 SWIFT Ridership**

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Hours	Revenue	503	508	507	571	509	501	547	503	507	538	391	487
	Non-reven	354	341	346	352	341	339	363	355	348	392	289	378
	Total	857	849	853	923	850	840	910	858	855	930	680	865
Ridership		2,764	2,684	2,741	3,024	2,851	2,910	3,009	2,802	2,783	3,076	2,212	2,577
Avg Trips per Hour		3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.0

10,270  
**33,433**  
3.26      3.26



March 10, 2009

Alice Amrein  
Transportation Director  
Johnson County Transit  
1701 W. 56 Hwy  
Olathe, KS 66061

Dear Alice,

Johnson County Developmental Supports (JCDS) is pleased to write in support of Johnson County Transit's application for New Freedom Program grant funds through the Mid-America Regional Council.

Transportation is a major issue for residents of Johnson County, Kansas with developmental disabilities served by JCDS. Transportation is the key to access -- to a job, to adequate health care, to shopping, to fun. As such, it is perhaps the primary factor in achieving a successful transition from a segregated living and working life to true participation in the community. The best community-based employment program provides little benefit if people cannot get reliable transportation to work; the most inclusive supported living service will fail if people cannot go grocery shopping, or to the doctor.

JCDS provides a broad array of community-based day and residential services to over 500 people with developmental disabilities each day, and arranges transportation for approximately 200. There were 82 people depending on SWIFT bus routes to travel from home to the Elmore Center and back every day in 2008, and this number will increase to 108 in 2009. An additional 28 depend on transportation support to get to jobs at a community work site, and 30 more at any given time to participate in inclusionary community activities through JCDS's Life Enrichment program. Finally, JCDS transports or arranges transportation for 90 adults back and forth from home to work on a daily basis from multiple locations, with 34 of them (38 percent) utilizing SWIFT.

That is a lot of people-moving! It shows that transportation is the single most critical component, perhaps second only to staff support, within JCDS's entire system of supports.

Three years ago, a survey of JCDS's on-site work activity program revealed that over 45% of all participants desired employment outside the sheltered workshop. In response to this overwhelming consumer demand, JCDS has directed its efforts towards significantly expanding opportunities for community employment. This endeavor received a big boost and endorsement from the Johnson County Board of County Commissioners with the authorization of an additional \$250,000 for JCDS's

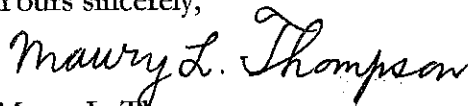
2007 budget specifically earmarked to increase community job coaching support. As a result, 32 new placements were achieved in 2007 and an additional 30 by the end of 2008. Our ability to continue expanding these opportunities to those still waiting, however, will depend more on the availability of transportation support to serve additional job site locations than on the availability of coaching staff.

The past two years have also seen a rise in consumer demand for alternatives to daily work production at JCDS. Through our Life Enrichment program, JCDS now offers options other than a traditional work day that emphasize community inclusion, volunteerism, education, and creative expression. Last year, 162 consumers participated in its three components at various times during the week, logging over 11,000 hours of enrichment activities. Even so, the demand for access to inclusionary pursuits cannot be sufficiently met due to transportation constraints. The number of community outings remains severely limited, which in turn hampers the number who can benefit and frequency of participation.

If awarded New Freedom grant funds, Johnson County Transit will be able to sustain two additional SWIFT routes through 2010 to benefit approximately 40 individuals receiving residential services from JCDS, and six additional hours of Special Edition each day that could potentially expand opportunities for work and other inclusionary activities for an additional 20 people participating in our Day Service program. Although this expansion may seem modest in scope, the increase in service capacity would constitute a huge benefit to the people served by JCDS; as noted, we estimate that 40 or more individuals would experience increased access and community participation.

Alice, we are very appreciative of this opportunity to write in support of this potentially life-changing project! At a minimum, I hope these efforts help to focus attention on the very serious unmet transportation needs facing people with developmental disabilities in our home community, and I applaud the Transit Department's partnership in continuing to help us develop effective solutions.

Yours sincerely,



Maury L. Thompson  
Executive Director

JKH

cc: Tim Arnold  
Patty Dumovich  
Janet Hoffman

Steve Rinkel  
Beth Stockwell  
Dennis Tucker  
File



**Frank H. Devocelle**

President/CEO

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March 23, 2009

Ms. Alice M. Amrein  
Transportation Director  
1701 West 56 Highway  
Olathe, KS 66061

Re: Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Amrein:

I am writing this letter to offer Olathe Medical Center's support for the Johnson County Transit's (JCT) applications for the Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedoms Grant Programs through the Mid-America Regional Council.

We have patrons that utilize The JO Routes R, I and K, as well as The JO-Special Edition service. These transportation services illustrate Johnson County Transit's desire to improve the quality of life for all citizens.

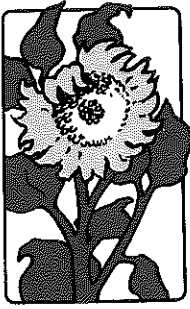
Olathe Medical Center fully supports JCT's Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom Initiatives applications. We are appreciative of JCT providing this transportation service to our patrons and recommend full funding of their grant requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank H. Devocelle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "F".

Frank H. Devocelle  
President/Chief Executive Officer

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# Johnson County Human Services & Aging

February, 28, 2009

**HS/A office**

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Alice Amrein  
Johnson County Transit  
1701 W. 56 Highway  
Olathe, KS 66061

Dear Ms. Amrein:

I am writing to offer my support for the grant application of Johnson County Transit (JCT) to expand services for its Special Edition and SWIFT programs and for the continuation of the R, I and K routes.

As Accessibility Program Manager for John County Human Services & Aging, I am acutely aware of the need to expand transportation services for people with a disability and for older adults. I have been working in the field for 20 years, and it is a discouraging fact that transportation to critical appointments continues to be a struggle for most county residents with disabilities and many older adults. Additional funding to expand services is greatly needed in Johnson County. The continuation of the R, I and K routes is crucial to support the independence of low income individuals with a disability in our community

Our department coordinates a program, called Catch-a-Ride, in which volunteer drivers provide transportation to these populations. The goal is to free up space so the transit system can carry more riders. This has helped with the overall transportation problem in Johnson County, but many individuals are still not able to secure rides, either through our volunteer program or JCT. During the current economic downturn, recruitment of volunteers is becoming increasingly difficult. For Johnson County to remain a community of choice, these transportation needs must be addressed.

I strongly support JCT's grant request. If I can provide additional information, please call me at 913-715-8912/voice or 913-894-8822/TTY during regular business hours.

Sincerely,

Jim Swain  
Accessibility Program Manager

- **Accessibility Program**
- **Administration**
- **Area Agency on Aging**
- **Housing Services**
- **Information**
- **Community Outreach Centers**



February 26, 2009

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Sincerely,

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Ms. Alice M. Amrein  
Transportation Director  
1701 West 56 Highway  
Olathe, Kansas 66061

Re: Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Amrein:

We are writing this letter to offer support of Johnson County Transit's applications for the Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedoms Grant Programs through the Mid-America Regional Council.

We have customers that utilize The JO Routes R, I and K, as well as The JO-Special Edition service. These transportation services provided illustrates Johnson County Transit's desire to improve the quality of life for all citizens.

Our agency fully supports Johnson County Transit's Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom Initiatives applications. We are appreciative of JCT providing this transportation service to our customers and would recommend full funding of their grant requests.

Sincerely,  
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Associate Pastor  
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