

CASE STUDY

Planned Transit Stop Transformation Project at the 5th & Missouri Transit Center



Impacting Communities through Transformation of Transit Stops

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Partners:

- St. Clair County Transit District
- Citizens for Modern Transit
- AARP in St. Louis
- Bi-State Development
- Employment Connections
- Bywater Development Group

Project Description

The St. Clair County Transit District is teaming up with Citizens for Modern Transit and AARP in St. Louis to activate the space around the 5th & Missouri Transit Center in East St. Louis, IL. This joint initiative with Metro Transit will transform the area between the MetroBus bays serving both Metro Transit and the SCCTD Flyer and the entrance to MetroLink— into a fun, artistic space that encourages active play, cultivates community and increases transit use. The vision created for the 5th and MO transformation by Trivers includes landscaping, seating, canopies, and more with a nod to the champions of East St. Louis. The community

Current Look of Transit Center Stop



will have an opportunity to weigh in over a 2 month period on the concepts. A transit stop can serve as a transformational tool to reconnect a community, promote social equality, increase accessibility, position an area for growth, activate and beautify the public space, and enhance neighborhood safety. With the permission of Bi-State Development/Metro Transit as the property owner, SCCTD and its partners initiated this project in late 2022.

This transit center is one of the highest ridership light rail stations in Illinois. Also, the 5th & Missouri Transit Center is an integral multi-modal connection site. It has four fixed MetroBus routes, totaling 53.5% of Illinois bus ridership touching this station, as well as the SCCTD Flyer service's East St. Louis Mobility on Demand (MOD) Zone. Recently an announcement indicated the former Broadview Hotel, adjacent to the site, will be redeveloped to include affordable housing for residents over the age of 55 and veterans. This space is set to include 97 one-room units, 13 two-bedroom units, a grocery store, a fitness center, restaurants, and even a beauty salon.

This project includes a community engagement component, and the St. Clair County Transit District will be responsible for maintenance of the project moving forward.

The project will be coordinated with Metro Transit as they make plans for the Secure Platform Plan for the system.

Ideas Generated:

- City of Champions
- Resiliency
- Need for greenery / landscaping
- Seating
- Shelter
- Color



The fifth transformation is set for 5th & Missouri Transit Center in East St. Louis, Ill. Community engagement will run through March 2023 with the goal of opening to the public in summer 2023.