



GO TOPEKA
QUARTERLY REPORT
2018 - 2ND QUARTER



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COVER PHOTO:

There were plenty of events and programs that took place in the second quarter of 2018. From the top left to bottom right they were:

Pop-up Park on the Kaw, Forge Playground Hunt, Small Business Awards, TopCity Interns Concert, State of Community, Reser's Fine Foods Ribbon Cutting, Momentum 2022 Campaign Announcement, Pop-up Park on the Kaw



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KEY

Momentum 2022 focuses on five key elements to make Topeka & Shawnee County a better place to live, work, play and do business.



Develop Homegrown Talent



Create Vibrant & Attractive Places



Grow a Diverse Economy



Promote a Positive Image



Collaborate for a Strong Community



COMMON QUESTIONS

What is JEDO?

The Joint Economic Development Organization (JEDO) was established by an interlocal agreement between Shawnee County and the City of Topeka, Kansas, in 2001. The JEDO Board is comprised of 13 members. Voting members include the three Shawnee County Commissioners, City of Topeka Mayor and Deputy Mayor and two Topeka City Council members. Nonvoting members are the remaining six council members. JEDO is funded through the half-cent county wide retail sales tax established by the inter-local agreement and is to be used for economic development.

What is GO Topeka?

GO Topeka is the leader in creating opportunities for economic growth that provide a thriving business climate and fulfilling lifestyle for all residents of Topeka & Shawnee County.

GO Topeka's mission is to create exceptional opportunities for growth, prosperity, innovation, and economic diversity and vibrancy that positively impact current and future citizens of Topeka & Shawnee County by attracting world-class companies, providing existing companies with the knowledge and resources to reach their highest potential, and cultivating entrepreneurial development and growth.

What is the Momentum 2022 Strategy?

Momentum 2022 is a comprehensive, actionable, and consensus-based plan to guide the community's collective actions in the years to come. Strategy development was funded by the Topeka Community Foundation, GO Topeka, Heartland Visioning, Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library and the United Way of Greater Topeka. The strategy seeks to make Topeka & Shawnee County a better place to live, work, play and do business. It addresses the full range of factors that influence the community's competitiveness, such as talent, education and training resources, infrastructure, business climate, quality of life and quality of place.

What is the purpose of this report?

The quarterly report to JEDO is a contractual requirement and a resource for the members and the community at large regarding economic development activities in Topeka & Shawnee County. Updates on each of GO Topeka's major initiatives are included here

- Business Attraction
- Business Retention & Expansion (BRE)
- Workforce & Education
- TogetherTopeka
- Forge Young Professionals
- Entrepreneurial & Minority Business Development
- 712 Innovations - Business Startup & Incubation
- The Topeka Subcenter of Kansas Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)
- Momentum 2022

How does all of this information about GO Topeka and JEDO relate back to Momentum 2022?

Conceived as a strategic plan for the economic development of Topeka & Shawnee County, Momentum 2022 and the work of JEDO are closely intertwined. The strategy takes a broad view of economic development in its inclusion of quality of life, community pride and quality of place. But the majority of its designated action items are from the realm of traditional economic development and every aspect of the plan, if achieved as envisioned, will make the area more competitive and make the work of GO Topeka's many initiatives easier to achieve.

How does all of this relate to the Greater Topeka Partnership?

The Greater Topeka Partnership seeks to enhance Topeka & Shawnee County as a desirable place to live, work, play and do business through community and business partnerships and by promoting the Momentum 2022 Strategy.

For more information, go to JEDOEcoDevo.com

TOPEKA & SHAWNEE COUNTY VITAL STATS

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DEVELOP HOMEGROWN TALENT

GRADUATION RATE - FOUR-YEAR ADJUSTED COHORT FORMULA (ALL SCHOOLS 2016-2017)⁽¹⁾

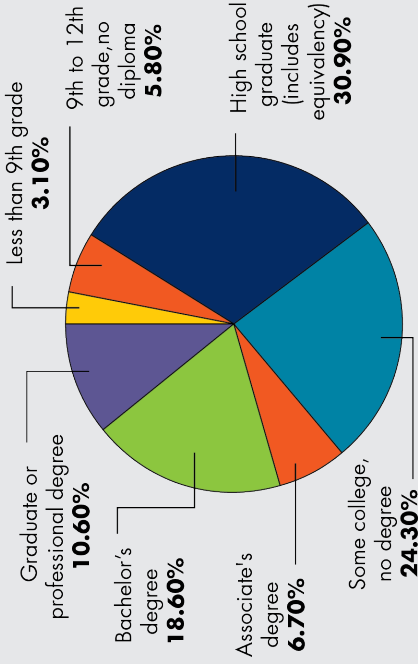
STATE OF KANSAS 86.9%

SHAWNEE COUNTY 84.7%

STUDENT-LEVEL METRICS IN SHAWNEE COUNTY (2017)⁽¹⁾



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT IN SHAWNEE COUNTY (2016)⁽²⁾
(Population 25 years and older)



TECHNICAL CERTIFICATES (2017)⁽¹⁾

1,167
WASHBURN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

33
RASMUSSEN COLLEGE



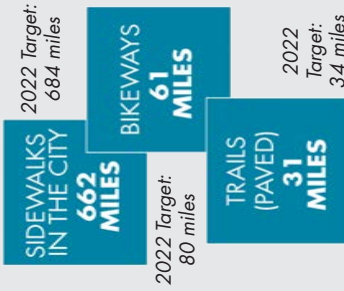
AARP LIVABILITY INDEX⁽³⁾

This score rates the overall livability of Shawnee County on a scale from 0 to 100. It is based on the average score of seven livability categories — housing, neighborhood, transportation, environment, health, engagement, and opportunity — which also range from 0 to 100.

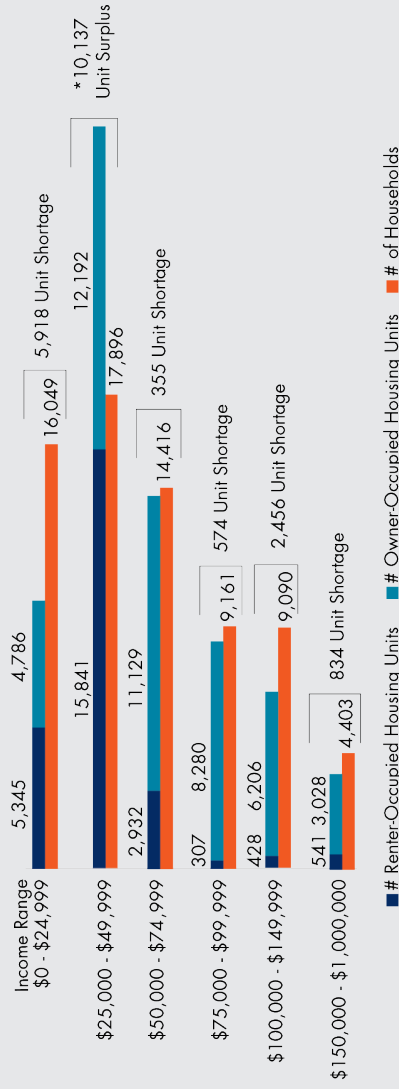


2022 Target: 58 AARP livability index

PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY SHAWNEE COUNTY (2017)⁽⁴⁾



AFFORDABLE HOUSING ANALYSIS (2016)⁽²⁾



*The analysis does not account for age or quality of housing units, and there is the possibility that upper income households are likely outcompeting lower income households for the same housing units.

ATTENDANCE AT FESTIVALS AND EVENTS (2017)

572,625
PEOPLE

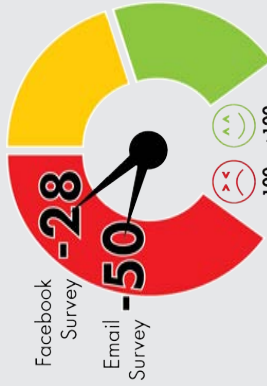
Ticketed event information provided by Kansas ExpoCentre, Topeka Civic Theatre as well as all Greater Topeka Partnership organizations. Crowd estimation of GIP operated festivals is calculated using the Jacobs Method.

2022 Target: 664,000 people

PROMOTE A POSITIVE IMAGE

@NET PROMOTER SCORE (NPS) (2018)(7)

An index ranging from -100 to 100 that measures the willingness of customers to recommend a product or experience to others.



2022 Target: 0 NPS



GROW A DIVERSE ECONOMY

SHARE OF EMPLOYMENT AT BUSINESSES LESS THAN 5-YEARS OLD (2017)(8)

6,564
PEOPLE WORK AT A NEW BUSINESS

2022 Target: 7,093 people

ANNUAL MEDIAN WAGE IN TOPEKA (2017)(6)

\$36,000

2022 Target: \$39,000

GLOBAL METRICS

GDP IN BILLIONS OF CURRENT DOLLARS (10)

\$10.048 BILLION
IN 2015

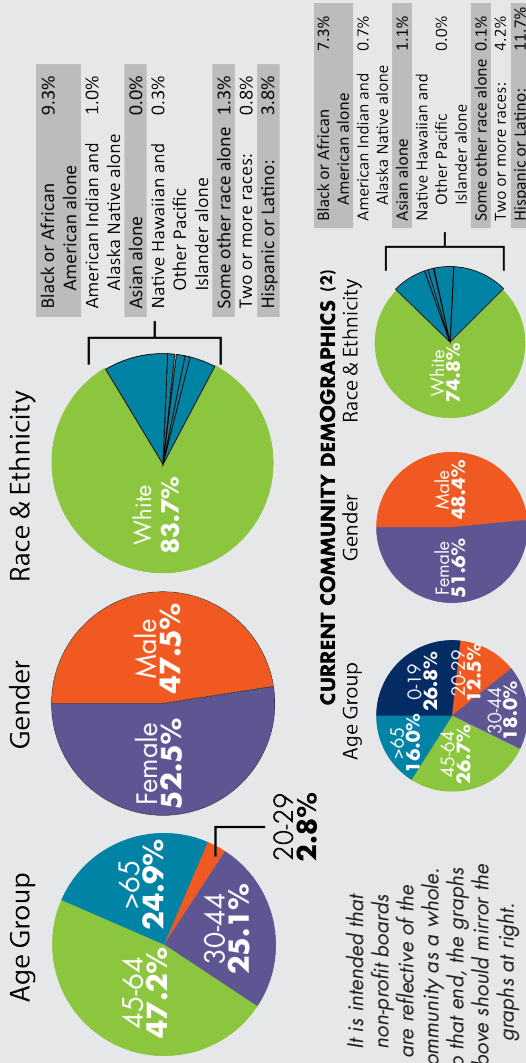
Gross domestic product (GDP) is equal to the sum of personal consumption expenditures, gross private domestic investment, net exports of goods and services, and government consumption expenditures and gross investment.

\$10.471 BILLION
IN 2016

2022 Target: \$11.500 GDP in billions of current dollars

COLLABORATE FOR STRONG COMMUNITY

SURVEY RESULTS ON LOCAL NON-PROFIT BOARD DIVERSITY (2018)(7)



It is intended that non-profit boards are reflective of the community as a whole. To that end, the graphs above should mirror the graphs at right.

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH IN SHAWNEE COUNTY (2016)(9)

3.1 POOR PHYSICAL HEALTH DAYS

3.5 POOR MENTAL HEALTH DAYS

Average number of physically/mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days (age-adjusted)

INFANT MORTALITY RATE IN SHAWNEE COUNTY (2016)(10)

6.6 WITHIN 1 YEAR PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS

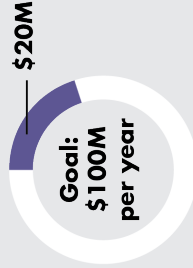
TOTAL PRIVATE JOBS IN SHAWNEE COUNTY (2017)(5)

Private = Non-Government Jobs

75,408

2022 Target: 79,000 jobs

PRIVATE CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN SHAWNEE COUNTY (2018)(7)



Capital investment is the amount of money new or current businesses spend to create, expand or improve facilities. For this report, capital investment is captured by GO Topeka during regular communications with companies or when companies work with GO Topeka to receive an incentive for an investment. The numbers are self-reported and exclude the cost of maintenance. GO Topeka makes every attempt to gather this info for all companies in Shawnee County, however some will not be captured due to lack of awareness of the investment.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE WORKING, BUT NOT LIVING IN SHAWNEE COUNTY (2015)(8)

37,123 OR 36.8%

2022 Target: 33%

PER CAPITA INCOME IN SHAWNEE COUNTY (2016)(10)

\$44,504

2022 Target: \$50,000

POVERTY RATE IN SHAWNEE COUNTY (2016)(11)

10.89% TOTAL POVERTY RATE

14.11% CHILD POVERTY RATE

2022 Target: 10%

Sources: **1** Kansas State Department of Education, **2** U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates, **3** AARP Livability Index, **4** City of Topeka Planning Department, **5** Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, **6** Occupational Employment Statistics, **7** GO Topeka, **8** U.S. Census Bureau, Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics, **9** County Health Ranking, **10** Bureau of Economic Analysis, **11** U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates

PROVIDED BY





Reser's Fine Foods hosted a ribbon cutting in April to officially open their new 320,000 square foot facility at the northwest corner of 6th Street and Croco Road.



Grow a
Diverse
Economy

BUSINESS ATTRACTION, RETENTION & EXPANSION

Business Attraction focuses on enticing new businesses and organizations to select Topeka & Shawnee County as their home, encouraging them to invest in the community as a viable place to grow. Marketing the community's assets and putting Topeka & Shawnee County in the best light possible during the site selection process are key components of business attraction.

Business Retention & Expansion's (BRE) role is to ensure existing Topeka & Shawnee County businesses have every opportunity to grow and thrive in the community. The BRE program utilizes a variety of tools and resources to assist the community's corporate citizens. Building strong partnerships with businesses supports the prosperity of the community's private sector while growing a more diverse economy.



Business Attraction

There are 29 new business projects in the pipeline for Topeka & Shawnee County. During June’s special JEDO meeting, the organization approved incentives for Project Eagle, a new business planning to locate in Shawnee County and add 16 new jobs with an average salary of \$60,000 or higher. GO Topeka staff also hosted a group of international site selectors who were focused on food manufacturing in Topeka and showcased the many assets the region possesses related to the food industry. Business Attraction efforts continue to shift toward a more progressive and proactive approach utilizing data from proprietary databases that will allow staff to target messaging even more successfully.

Business Retention & Expansion (BRE)

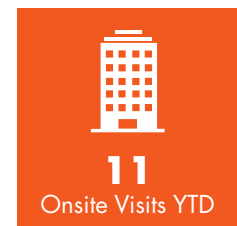
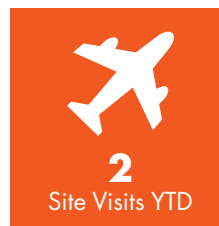
JEDO approved GO Topeka to move forward with the sale of approximately 17 acres in Central Crossing Commerce Park associated with Project Arrow. The sale would accommodate an existing Shawnee County company looking to construct a new facility.

Reser’s Fine Foods officially opened its new salad plant facility with a ribbon cutting in April. The project entails the construction of a new 320,000 square foot facility to accommodate an existing product line which was moved from an existing facility. The opening of the new plant represents a \$67 million capital investment and completion of Phase I. Phase II involves the complete remodel of the existing facility to increase production capacity and create 180 new jobs. The project, known as “Project Spencer”, was approved for JEDO funds in fall 2016.

Business Attraction



Business Retention & Expansion (BRE)



HELPFUL DEFINITIONS

Business Attraction

Recruits businesses to Topeka & Shawnee County

Project Pipeline

The projects Business Attraction and BRE are working on

Business Retention & Expansion (BRE)

Helps to retain businesses in Topeka & Shawnee County



JEDO ADOPTS POLICY TO PROMOTE QUALITY OF PLACE





The Joint Economic Development Organization (JEDO) adopted a resolution establishing a policy on June 18 for use of economic development funds to promote quality of place in Topeka & Shawnee County.

Quality of place consists of characteristics a community or region possesses that make it distinctive and attractive as a place to live, work or visit. It encompasses a community's environment, civic traditions, cultural amenities and recreational opportunities.

JEDO will establish a Quality of Place Fund to be used for specific projects that have been approved for funding by JEDO in an open public meeting with preference given to projects with multiple funding sources.

When considering awarding funding for a Quality of Place project, JEDO will consider some of the following criteria:

- Availability to the public
- Connection to public transit
- Enhances diversity and inclusion by reaching all demographics
- Sustainable funding source
- Project approved by public vote
- Measurable return on investment
- Complimentary to other community assets
- Improves aesthetics

The Quality of Place Fund will not be used to fund events in the community.





The 2018 Small Business Awards, hosted at Capital Plaza, took place on May 15. From left to right: TK Magazine, Bowser-Johnson Funeral Home, Century Business Solutions, Happy Basset Brewing Company, Let's Help, Inc. and Schendel Lawn & Landscape.



Grow a Diverse Economy



Collaborate for a Strong Community

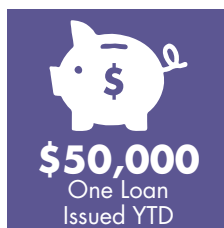
ENTREPRENEURIAL & MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Entrepreneurial and Minority Business Development ensures small businesses in Topeka & Shawnee County constantly receive the support they need to start, grow and sustain their businesses. Incentive programs, educational sessions and counseling are provided to help them flourish.

SMALL BUSINESS INCENTIVES



FIRST OPPORTUNITY LOAN FUND



FASTTRAC NEW VENTURE



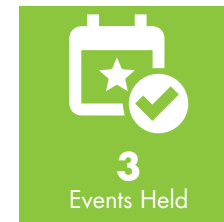
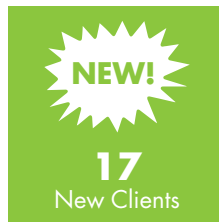
PTAC

(PROCUREMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER)



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PTAC was created by congress in the 1980s to assist businesses involved in government contracts. Today, Kansas PTAC assists qualified businesses in locating, obtaining and performing federal, state and local government contracts. Kansas PTAC is funded through a partnership that also includes Pittsburg State University, Johnson County Community College, Wichita State University and GO Topeka.



TOTAL CONTRACT AWARDS FOR KS PTAC SUBCENTER TOPEKA

(Service area covers 26 counties in NE KS)

\$2,733,316 =	Federal
\$ 12,600 =	State & Local
\$ 2,500 =	SubCenter

\$2.8M CONTRACT AWARDS

SHAWNEE COUNTY CONTRACT AWARDS

\$1,334,918 of \$2.8M

*53% of total contract award
goes to Shawnee County*

SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATS ON CONTRACT AWARDS

Federal awards = number of contracts in the following
socio-economic categories:

25 =	Small Disadvantaged Business
17 =	Woman Owned Small Business
6 =	HUBZone
32 =	Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business

\$2.8M CONTRACTS AWARDED

THE RETURN ON INVESTMENT (ROI) CURRENTLY:
FOR EVERY \$1 JEDO INVESTS, IT GENERATES A \$40 RETURN

HELPFUL DEFINITIONS

HUBZone

A United States Small Business Administration (SBA) program for small companies that operate and employ people in Historically Underutilized Business Zones

JEDO ROI

Total contracted awards divided by \$70,000 (JEDO Investment in Kansas PTAC) = ROI



Entrepreneurial Quarterly Meet Ups provide innovators the opportunity to meet, collaborate and expand on ideas while getting out of the office setting. The June 7 event at Happy Basset had a wonderful turnout with even greater visionary thinking.



Grow a Diverse Economy

712 INNOVATIONS

COWORK | MAKERSPACE | INCUBATOR

712 Innovations' mission is targeted programs, resources and services that accelerate the successful development of start-up and fledgling founder operated small business entrepreneurs and entrepreneur teams building scalable high-growth businesses. 712 Innovations is the hub of the Topeka & Shawnee County entrepreneur ecosystem and works closely with its ecosystem and corporate partners to connect entrepreneurs with our network to accelerate knowledge, growth and revenue.

HELPFUL DEFINITIONS

Entrepreneurship Ecosystem

The social and economic environment affecting local/ regional entrepreneurs and entrepreneurial businesses. Topeka & Shawnee County's Entrepreneurship Ecosystem has 40 organizations working to provide financing, training, or resources to entrepreneurs at all stages of their ventures.

1 Million Cups Topeka

1MC TOP is a free networking event designed to engage and connect entrepreneurs with the greater business community. The first Wednesday (9 - 10 a.m.) every month, two startups present their business model in a friendly, fast-paced pitch session.

MakerSpace

MakerSpace combines manufacturing equipment and education for the purposes of enabling members to design, prototype and create manufactured works.

CoWork Space

Attractive to work-at-home professionals, independent contractors and workers whose career requires frequent travel.

712i Pre-Incubator

Supports nascent entrepreneurs by providing an office space for developing and testing a fledgling business idea. This most commonly occurs while working with the Washburn Small Business Development Center or GO Topeka's Entrepreneurial & Minority Business Development programs.

712i Incubator

A three month to two-year program for businesses in their late first or second stage. This program helps them scale up by providing goal analysis, dedicated focused mentoring and facilitated networking opportunities.

25

Entrepreneur Meet up Attendees

8

Entrepreneurs Presenting at 1 Million Cups

PRE-INCUBATION ENTREPRENEURS

38

Makerspace Entrepreneurs

67

CoWork Space Entrepreneurs

29

Pre-incubation Businesses



FORGE

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

— TOPEKA —



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The mission of Forge is to attract and retain young talent. The viability of the community is dependent upon its ability to recruit, retain and train young talent. But the mission is not simply about the replacement of current workforce -it is about driving the innovation and creativity that moves us forward.



47
Events/Meetings
YTD



2,087
Members
YTD



1,253
Members Attended
Events YTD



TopCity Interns

The program was created to provide interns with a positive internship experience while investing in their future as professionals with the goal of retaining them in the community.



Develop
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184
Interns



23
States



3
Countries



44
Universities



Develop Homegrown Talent

WORKFORCE & EDUCATION

Workforce & Education focuses on convening partners from schools and businesses to talk through their current and upcoming needs. As a result, schools can educate and train students to go from graduation to the workforce and companies and organizations get the satisfaction of hiring a locally-educated workforce.

EMPLOYMENT STATS

	CITY OF TOPEKA	SHAWNEE COUNTY	KANSAS
NUMBER OF JOBS	85,952	102,026	1,488,252
AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE	\$44,500	\$44,500	\$44,900
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	49.84%	50.97%	51.80%
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	3.6%	3.4%	3.3%
EMPLOYMENT-POPULATION RATIO	48.05%	49.26%	50.12%

Labor Market Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program
Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)
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SOTO RIDE TO WORK

4,374 SOTO Trips to date	2,451 SOTO Trips April - June 2018
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HELPFUL DEFINITIONS

Labor Force Participation Rate

A measure of the active portion of an economy's labor force. It refers to the number of people who are either employed or actively looking for work.

Employment-population ratio

A measure of labor market strength; it is calculated by dividing the number of employed workers in an area by the total civilian non-institutionalized population aged 16 and over in that region.

SOTO

The SOTO (South Topeka) Ride to Work program is a pilot transportation initiative for South Topeka employers. This program helps remove transportation barriers for employees in the South Topeka corridor.



WASHBURN TECH EAST (ETLC PROJECT)

A special Joint Economic Development Organization meeting on June 18 provided approval of documents to complete the New Markets Tax Credits (NMTC) closing on July 18. Included was approval by JEDO to authorize the East Topeka Learning Center (ETLC) and to use NMTCs for the project. In addition, the newly created non-profit entity, GO Topeka ETLC Support Corporation, will manage the funds of the sales tax dollars and ensure compliance. GO Topeka sponsored the creation of the non-profit and will manage financial and operational support during the seven-year compliance period.

Construction at the site is well underway. Washburn Tech East has convened an Advisory Committee for the campus to provide insight into the changing needs of our community, industries and students. In addition, active outreach efforts are in process, with monthly updated postcards, social media, periodic media tours as well as fast fact sheets regarding programs. Billboards will be strategically placed, with fact sheets and billboards in both Spanish and English. Washburn Tech East's marketing will include presence at community events, including Fiesta Mexicana and Back to School projects, in addition to partnerships with neighborhood associations, churches and community leaders, including a Faith Community Advisory Committee to support and amplify outreach efforts.



Develop
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TogetherTopeka is the brand creation of our collective impact initiative in the Momentum 2022 Strategy, incorporating all education and training providers, from cradle through career, non-profits, social service providers, faith-based organizations and the business community.



With the hiring of our Cradle Through Career executive director, Diann Faflick, as well as the development of our Leadership Council; Topeka & Shawnee County is well prepared to move forward in successful implementation of TogetherTopeka, a Collective Impact for Talent.

The key areas of focus to Develop Homegrown Talent include:

- Align the "Talent Pipeline"
- Ensure All Children Are Ready for Kindergarten
- Prepare Students for College and Careers
- Expand Continuing Education Options for Adults

By focusing on developing and retaining young talent, we will provide career pathways for our youngest population while assisting adults in furthering their education and acquiring new skills to continue to succeed in careers in our community.



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[iNCLUDED]

Backed by GO Topeka and the Greater Topeka Partnership, iNCLUDED aims to be the authority on diversity and inclusion within businesses and organizations throughout the region.

iNCLUDED hosted a panel discussion on supplier diversity for the Resource Forum in June. Attendees heard from Michelle De La Isla, Mayor of the City of Topeka; Amanda Kiefer, First Vice President and Director of Human Resources and Inclusion from FHLBank Topeka, Lazone Grays Jr. President/CEO of IBSA, Inc and Glenda Washington, Senior Vice President of Entrepreneurial Minority Business Development with GO Topeka. The afternoon was a compelling conversation not only on supplier diversity but the need for true inclusive prosperity within a community and positive outcomes for all. Forums like this provide training, support and an environment to further build relationships, partnerships and diversity, equity and inclusion support throughout the community.

HIGHLIGHTED UPCOMING EVENTS

Women of Influence Awards

August 23, 2018
Ramada Topeka Downtown

JEDO Meeting

September 12, 2018
City Council Chambers

Small Business Summit

September 18, 2018
Capital Plaza

State of Education

November 28, 2018
Location: Topeka Civic Theatre & Academy

Annual Kansas Financial Services Summit

September 26, 2018
Security Benefit

Intercity Visit – Chattanooga

October 17 – 19, 2018
Chattanooga, TN

GTP Business Expo

October 23, 2018
Ramada Topeka Downtown

Refresh Leadership Simulcast

October 24, 2018

Economic Outlook Conference

November 6, 2018
Washburn University;
Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center

Global Entrepreneurship Week

November 11-17, 2018

Women’s Forum

November 15, 2018
Ramada Topeka Downtown

Shop Small Saturday

November 24, 2018

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION SPOTLIGHT



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RIVERFRONT AUTHORITY & HEARTLAND VISIONING – ACTIVATE THE RIVER

There is so much FUN to have on the Kaw River!

Activities have been held to get some “first-timers”, and those more familiar, down on the Kaw.

Topeka’s First Annual Capital Paddle event was held on Saturday, May 26, 2018.

The interest and participation were amazing. Registration was closed early after becoming fully booked. The plans are to make this a larger paddle trip in the future, as kayaking continues to grow as a fun and inclusive outdoor activity in our community.



The Freedom Festival Pop-up Park on the Kaw, in collaboration with the Downtown Topeka Rotary Freedom Festival, was held on Saturday, June 30, 2018. A diverse and excited group experienced short canoe rides between the Kansas Avenue bridge to the Pop-Up Park on the north side of the river.

Activities such as short canoe rides, volleyball on the sand bar and horseshoes truly provided a great experience.

All activities were free and open to the public. Videos of the events can be on seen on the Greater Topeka Partnership’s website.



A big thank you to Eric Purcell & Robby Sachs, co-chairs of the River Activities, sub-committee along with John Hunter, chair, River Access in collaboration with the Riverfront Authority and many other volunteers, entities and organizations for making these activities successful.

Plans for the next potential river event, a Craft Your Raft activity at the 2018 Science and Tech Fest on October 13, 2018 are in their early stages. More details are forthcoming.



We look forward to more exciting happenings on the river in the future.

GREATER TOPEKA PARTNERSHIP STAFF

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Development



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2022



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Executive Director -
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**Nevada Fenton-
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Graphics Manager



Rhett Flood
Project Manager



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