

Port KC PID Campaign – Frequently Asked Questions

Why am I receiving this ballot?

Port KC is proposing to create a Port Improvement District (PID) to fund the maintenance, operations, and infrastructure improvements for the [KC Streetcar in the Berkley Riverfront](#). The only people who receive a ballot on this issue are residents in the proposed PID area who are registered voters.

What are the benefits of the PID?

The PID would maintain riverfront streetcar operations, infrastructure improvements, and service to the Berkley Riverfront. This includes maintenance in, and around, the streetcar within the Berkley Riverfront and other improvements such as: landscaping, lighting, security, multimodal transportation enhancements, frequent trash and pet waste pick up, and mowing.

Doesn't the Kansas City Streetcar Authority fund streetcar operations?

The new KC Streetcar Riverfront extension is outside of the boundaries of the existing streetcar [Transportation Development District \(TDD\)](#). Port KC is not part of the original TDD agreement. This PID would be no more, or less, than the existing TDD, and would function the same way.

What am I voting on?

Approval of the PID will result in a 1 percent sales and use tax, and a real property tax (no cars, boats, etc.). The sales and use tax would apply to purchases made within the PID, and the property tax would apply to property owners.

How do I receive a ballot?

The Jackson County Election Board mails a paper ballot and a return addressed envelope to people who are registered to vote within the proposed PID. Ballots are mailed no more than 15 days and no less than 10 days prior to the date of the election, Tuesday, June 25, 2024. *Qualified voters can anticipate receiving a ballot near June 10-14, 2024.*

I received a ballot in the mail, now what do I do?

To vote, you must complete the ballot and have it notarized. Then, you can drop the ballot in a postal mail box or take it to the election authority's office in person. If sent by mail, the ballot must be postmarked by June 25, 2024.

I didn't receive a ballot in the mail, how can I get one?

Any qualified voter who did not receive a ballot in the mail or lost the ballot, may pick up a mail-in ballot at the [election authority's office](#) beginning Monday, June 17, 2024.

What if I'm not registered to vote?

There are multiple ways to register to vote, [per the Jackson County Election Board](#). For this election, the last day for people residing in the district to register to vote is May 25, 2024.

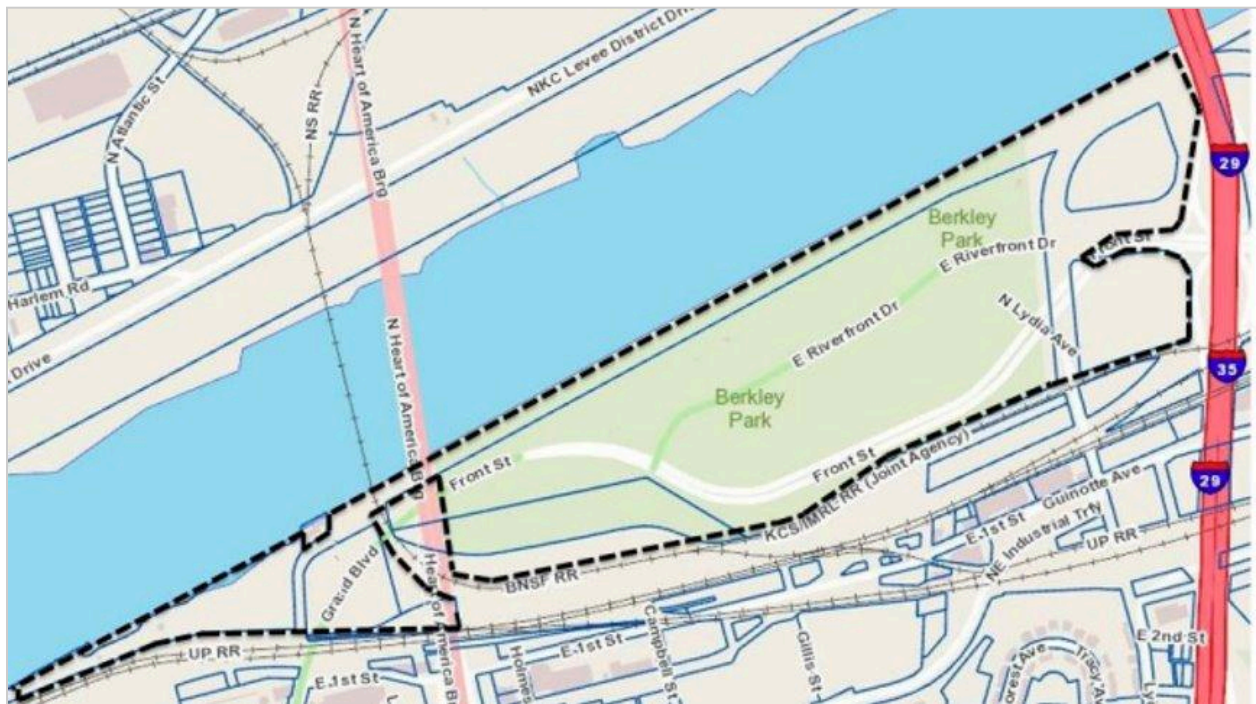
What is Port KC?

Port KC is a quasi-government agency which controls and manages the Berkley Riverfront, and is charged with the maintenance and upkeep of the park and surrounding infrastructure. This includes the streetcar when it starts operations in 2026.

What is a Port Improvement District?

Port Improvement Districts (PID) are financing tools used to meet the mission of the Port Authority. The purpose of the proposed PID is to fund the operations and maintenance of the streetcar serving the riverfront, because a funding source is not currently in place to operate it.

What are the PID boundaries?



- Missouri River on the north
- Railroad tracks on the south
- I-29/I-35 on the east
- Missouri Highway 9 on the west
- Along with a contiguous section consisting of land generally located between the Missouri River on the north, the railroad tracks on the south, Missouri Highway 9 on the east, and the Town of Kansas Bridge on the west

When will the riverfront streetcar construction be complete?

The [KC Streetcar Riverfront Extension](#) is under construction and expects to be operational in 2026. The Riverfront Extension will connect with the original KC Streetcar starter line at 3rd Street and Grand in the River Market, ending at the midpoint of Berkley Riverfront.

When would the PID go into effect if it passes?

If the measure passes, the tax assessments go into effect January 1, 2025.

Important dates

- **May 25, 2024:** The last day to register to vote, to participate in this election.
 - The election board is closed on Saturdays, though people can register online if need be.
- **June 10-14, 2024:** Qualified voters can anticipate receiving a ballot in the mail.
- **June 17-25, 2024:** If you didn't receive a ballot or lost it, you may pick up a mail-in ballot at the election authority's office.
- **June 25, 2024:** Notarized ballots must be postmarked by the election date.

Who to contact with questions?

If you have any questions please contact Director of Communications Meredith Hoenes at mhoenes@portkc.com.