



STATE OF KANSAS

Transit Impact Report

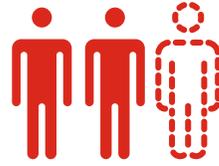
PRESENTED BY
FLINT HILLS AREA TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
MANHATTAN, KS

Current Concerns



Inadequate Local Match Funding

Local funding is not keeping pace with inflation



Driver and Staffing Shortages

Competition for skills Drivers in Kansas is high, our wages are struggling to keep pace



Vehicle production delays and high costs

Delivery of new cutaways is delayed across Kansas and costs have doubled in the last three years



Federal Regulations Small Urban Providers

For small providers, some federal regulations create barriers to timely project completion

About FHATA

Flint Hills Area Transportation Agency as an example of Small Urban 5307 Providers in the State of Kansas.

Who We Are

The Flint Hills Area Transportation Agency (FHATA or ATA Bus) plans, manages, and operates public transportation services within the Manhattan, Urbanized Area, Riley County, Pottawatomie County, and Geary County. ATA Bus is committed to offering courteous, safe, and reliable service for all of our riders, without regard to race, gender, age, or disability.

Our History

The Agency was founded in 1976 by a group of county residents concerned about the lack of public transportation. Flint Hills Area Transportation Agency (FHATA) has been providing safe, reliable, and affordable public transportation since that time as a 501c3 private, non-profit organization.

Company Values

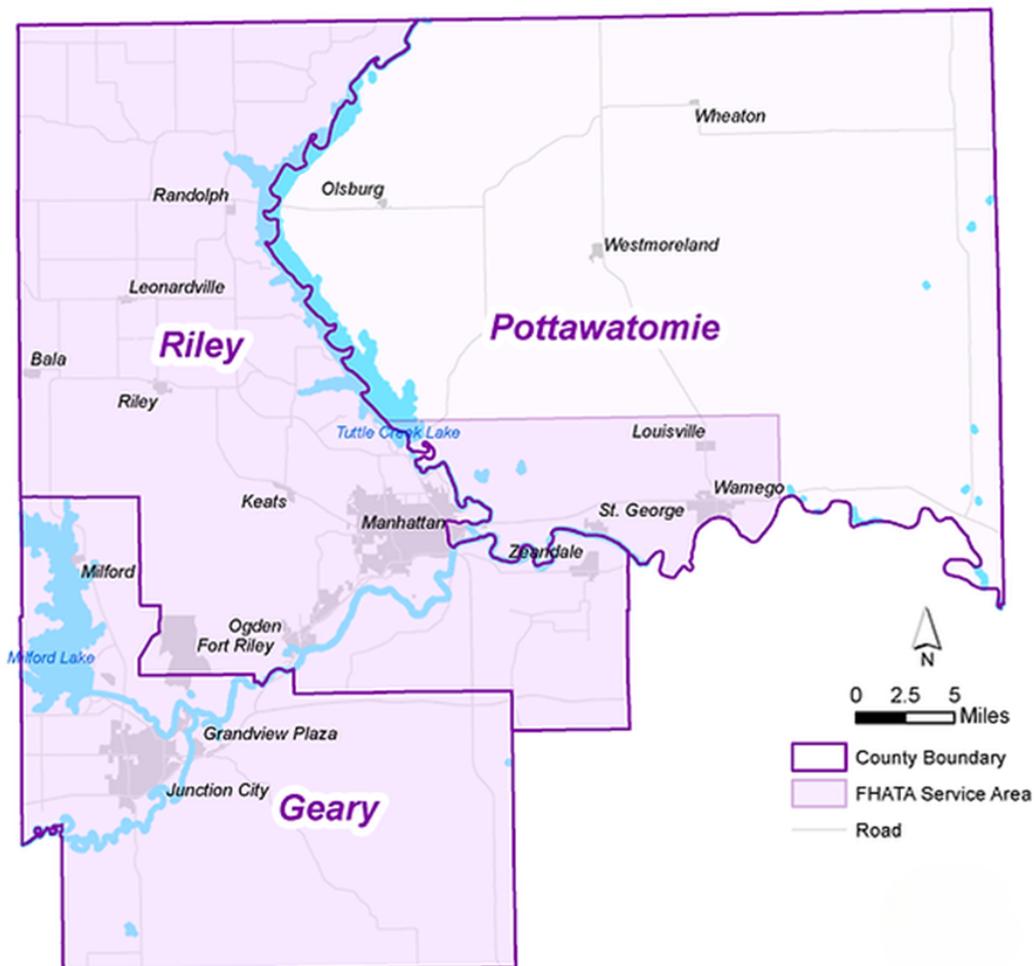
Mission	Our mission is to provide and promote the highest quality transit services to the Flint Hills communities.
Public Service Mission	Build stronger communities and promote equality and opportunity.
Vision	We believe in empowering people and connecting communities.

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Services

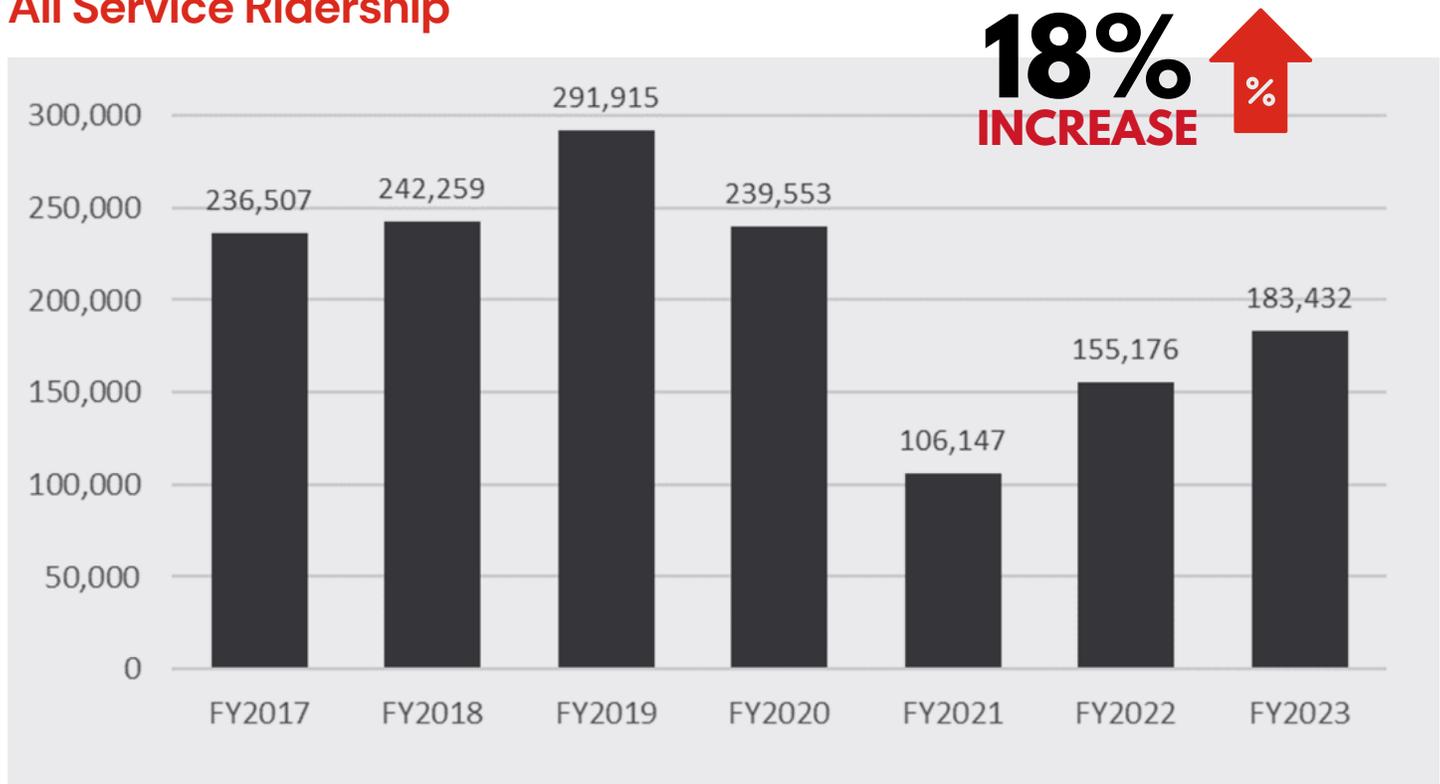
- Fixed Routes** Manhattan and Junction City routes with a fixed schedule and pick-up locations.
- Regional Services** The K-18 Connector and service to additional communities.
- Demand Response** Curb-to-curb service for seniors, disabled, and those who live far from a bus stop.
- K-State Services** Fixed route service on Kansas State University's campus
- Accessibility** All ATA Bus vehicles are 100% ADA Accessible. Many buses are equipped with bike racks.

Service Area



Ridership Data

All Service Ridership



The above graph shows the overall ridership for the agency's combined services in each fiscal year. Ridership had been steadily increasing until the FY2020 when the service was impacted by the Covid-19 Pandemic. Between FY2022 and FY2023, ridership increased by 18% and we are projecting continued growth for FY2024, however, other hardships have begun to impact the agency and could ultimately impact ridership.

5% 

in Demand Response, "curb-to-curb" trips from FY22 to FY23

ADA



With 7% of trips involving passengers in wheelchairs

Ridership Survey Data

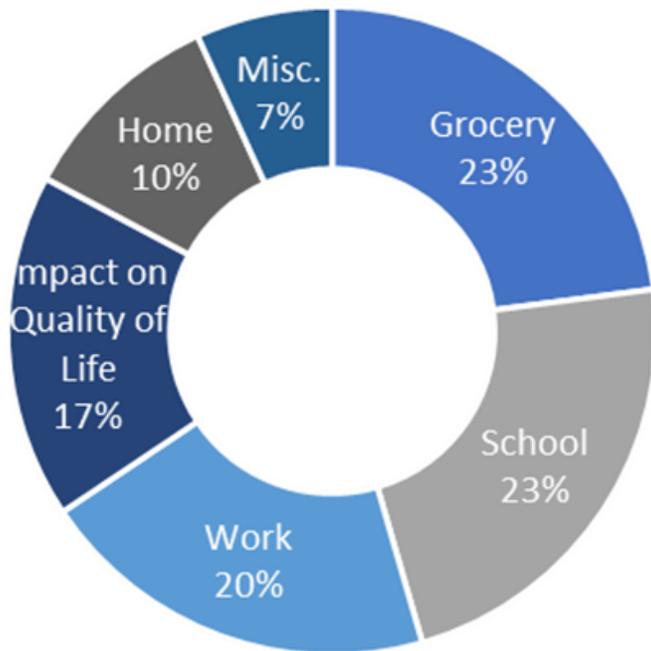
In the spring of 2023, FHATA conducted an on-board ridership survey over the course of a week to assess the current usage and needs of riders. Below are some of the most relevant statistics provided by that survey.



67% of riders have zero household vehicles



51% of Fixed Route Riders are KSU Affiliated



Over half of surveyed riders are using ATA Bus to go to and from school, work and to get groceries.

Upcoming Projects

- Implementation of an expansion of the K-18 Connector between Manhattan and Junction City KS
- Construction of a new facility in Junction City KS
- Addition of new parking and office spaces at existing facility in Manhattan KS
- Micro transit study
- Initial EV planning study
- Installation of 5 real-time passenger display devices
- Installation of our 5th bus shelter

