

# Our Contributions to That JoCo Quality of Life

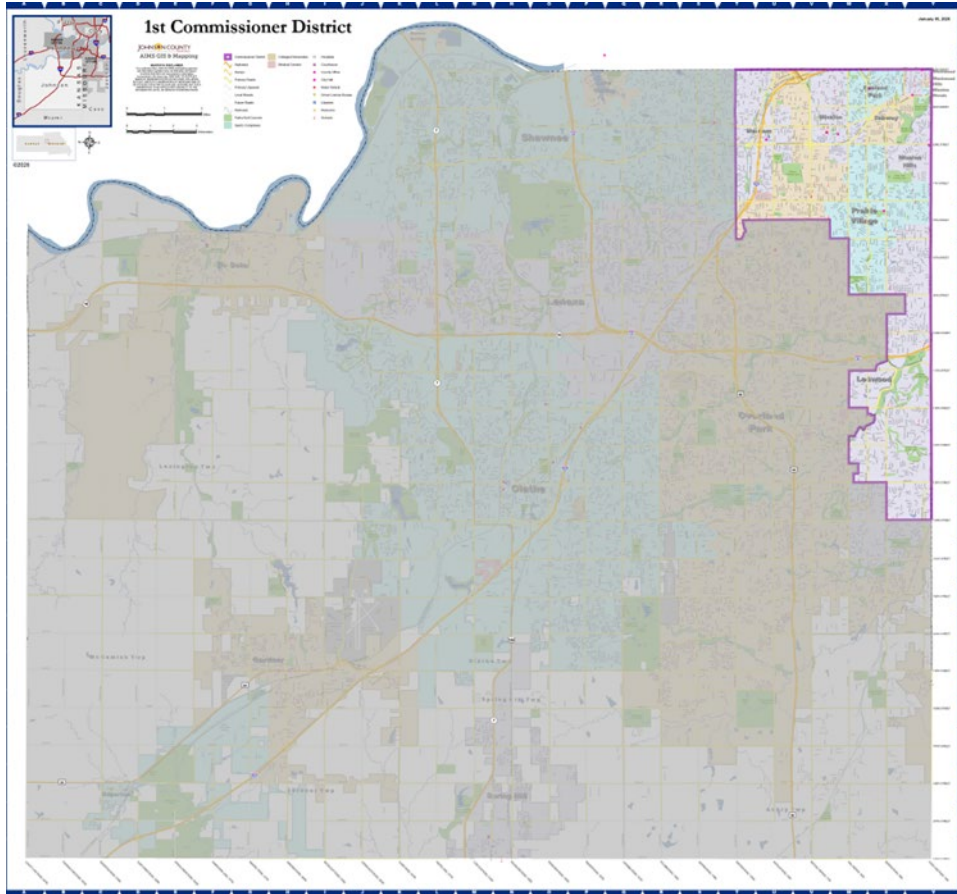
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# District 1 “Fast” facts:

Commissioner Becky Fast



Population: 107,814



Square miles: 35.5



11 cities: Merriam, Mission, Roeland Park, Westwood, Westwood Hills, Mission Woods, Fairway, Mission Hills, Prairie Village, northern Overland Park, and northern Leawood.




















2 school districts:  
Blue Valley and Shawnee Mission



1 Fire district: Consolidated Fire District #2  
2 Fire departments: Overland Park and Leawood

# Three major roles of counties

Serve as an administrative arm of state government <i>(unlike cities)</i>	Provide services required by the state	Provide locally determined services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Run elections</li> <li> Levy and collect taxes <i>(including property appraisals)</i></li> <li> Issue licenses and permits</li> <li> Keep land records</li> <li> Provide and maintain facilities and equipment for the courts</li> <li> Finance prosecution <i>(county and district attorneys)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Public and mental health, supports for people with disabilities</li> <li> Emergency management</li> <li> Solid Waste</li> <li> Law enforcement and jails</li> <li> Roads and bridges in unincorporated areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Parks</li> <li> Libraries</li> <li> Museums</li> <li> Airports</li> <li> Wastewater</li> <li> Economic development</li> </ul>

## Motor Vehicles Wait Times Impacted by State Funding Levels

<p><b>85%</b> Motor vehicle revenue retained by the State</p>	<p><b>369%</b> Increase in average wait time from 2013-2024</p>
<p><b>\$2.4M</b> County property tax dollars used to subsidize operations in 2024</p>	<p><b>0</b> Full-time employees added from 2013-2024</p>

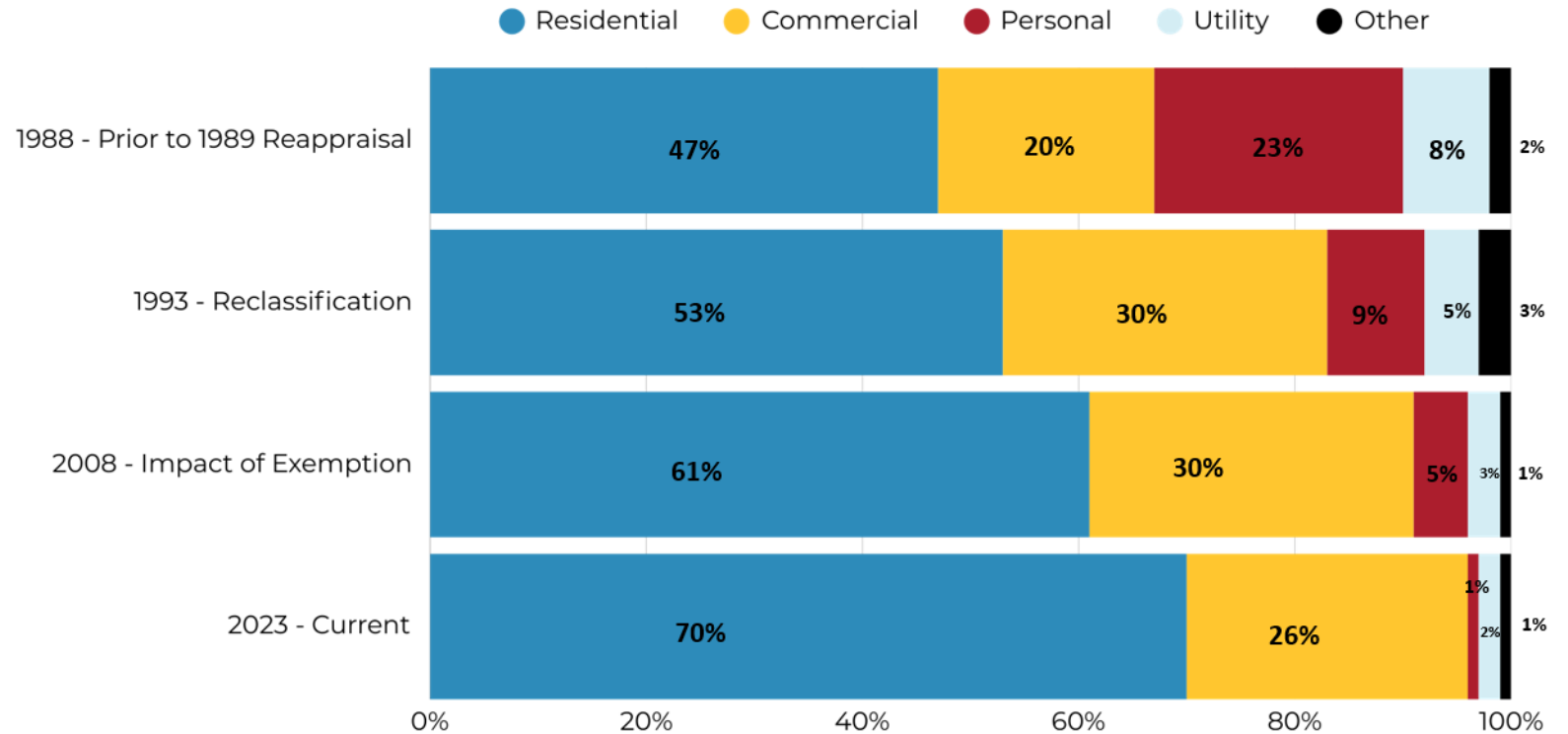
# State Revenue Reductions Cause and Effect

State legislation has reduced our revenue sources...

Source	FY 2020-25
Local Ad Valorem tax relief	(\$77,334,646)
City/county revenue sharing	(\$44,650,387)
Mortgage registration	(\$74,720,465)
Machinery & equipment exemption	(\$51,508,122)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$248,213,620)</b>

...increasing the burden on homeowners

Increased burden on homeowners



# Updates to property tax relief



- Removed the previous age limit of 65 and the disabled veteran status requirements
- Application window:  
Jan 15 to April 15, 2026
- [jocogov.org/PropertyTaxRelief](https://jocogov.org/PropertyTaxRelief)

## 2026 County Property Tax Relief Guidelines

**\$500,000** maximum home valuation

**HUD Very Low-Income limit** (in 2025 max income for family of four is \$55,700)

**Other:** Live in JoCo, own/occupy your home, are current on property

tax payments

# Infrastructure investment to support business and growing economy - CARS and Stormwater Management

## CARS program



### 2026 Funding Sources

Funding Source	Amount
“Gas Tax” (SCCHF)	\$13,114,000
County Support (0.343 mills)	\$5,667,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,781,000</b>

## Stormwater Management



### Funding Source:

- Funded through a 1/10 of 1% sales tax
- Guided by the Stormwater Management Advisory Council
- **2026: Planned expenditure \$25,013,842**

# Infrastructure Investment: Protecting and Preserving Water Sources

## Inaugural Johnson County Water Summit - Oct 17th

Presentations by: Johnson County Wastewater, Johnson County Stormwater, WaterOne and the Kansas Water Office



# Infrastructure Investment to NE JoCo libraries



Corinth Library is oldest library in JOCO's system

The branch opened in February 1963 and has served PV for more than 60 years.

**Corinth Library**

**Design expected to begin in 2026**

# Strategic Partnerships to Support Housing Continuum

## Habitat for Humanity of Kansas City

- \$2.47 million for land acquisition to support single-family home development

## Friends of JoCo Developmental Supports

- \$3.1 million to build multifamily units

## Salvation Army and Project 1020

- \$467,346 for family shelter expansion
- \$137,654 to support county's only cold-weather emergency shelter for adults

## New County-Funded Home Preservation Program

- Provides minor home repairs up to \$8,000 through Habitat and Metro Lutheran Services - below 80% of AMI

## Expanding Housing Access for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care

Johnson County Housing Services recently expanded the Landlord Incentive Program to help more youth aging out of foster care find long term stable housing.



# Innovative Solutions for Our Community

## Award-winning Eviction Mediation Program



- Neutral third party helps landlord and tenant come to an agreement
- 72.5% mediations avoided eviction judgment
- Achievement Award from National Association of Counties and from JOCO United Community Services
- Bill introduced in 2025 KSLEG Session to implement the program statewide across Judicial Districts

**Johnson County mediation program helps more than 700 families avoid eviction in 3 years**



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# Innovative Solutions for Our Community

## NEW Senior Health Insurance Counseling (SHICK)

- Get information about Medicare and other health insurance programs from trained counselors
- Assistance with enrollment, plan comparisons and accessing prescription drugs at a reduced cost
- Call 913-715-8856 to schedule an appointment



# Innovative Solutions for Our Community

## Mental Health and Crisis Services

- Youth Crisis Stabilization Center and Youth Respite Care in Olathe (11 beds)
- Adult Crisis Stabilization Center (14 beds) with Adult Detoxification Unit (10 beds)
- 988 crisis line staff integration with 911 dispatch
- Mobile Crisis Response Team goal to respond to mental health crises within one hour



# FIFA World Cup 26™ Transit

Supporting KC2026's "ConnectKC26" plan



Johnson County United Airport Drop and Ride

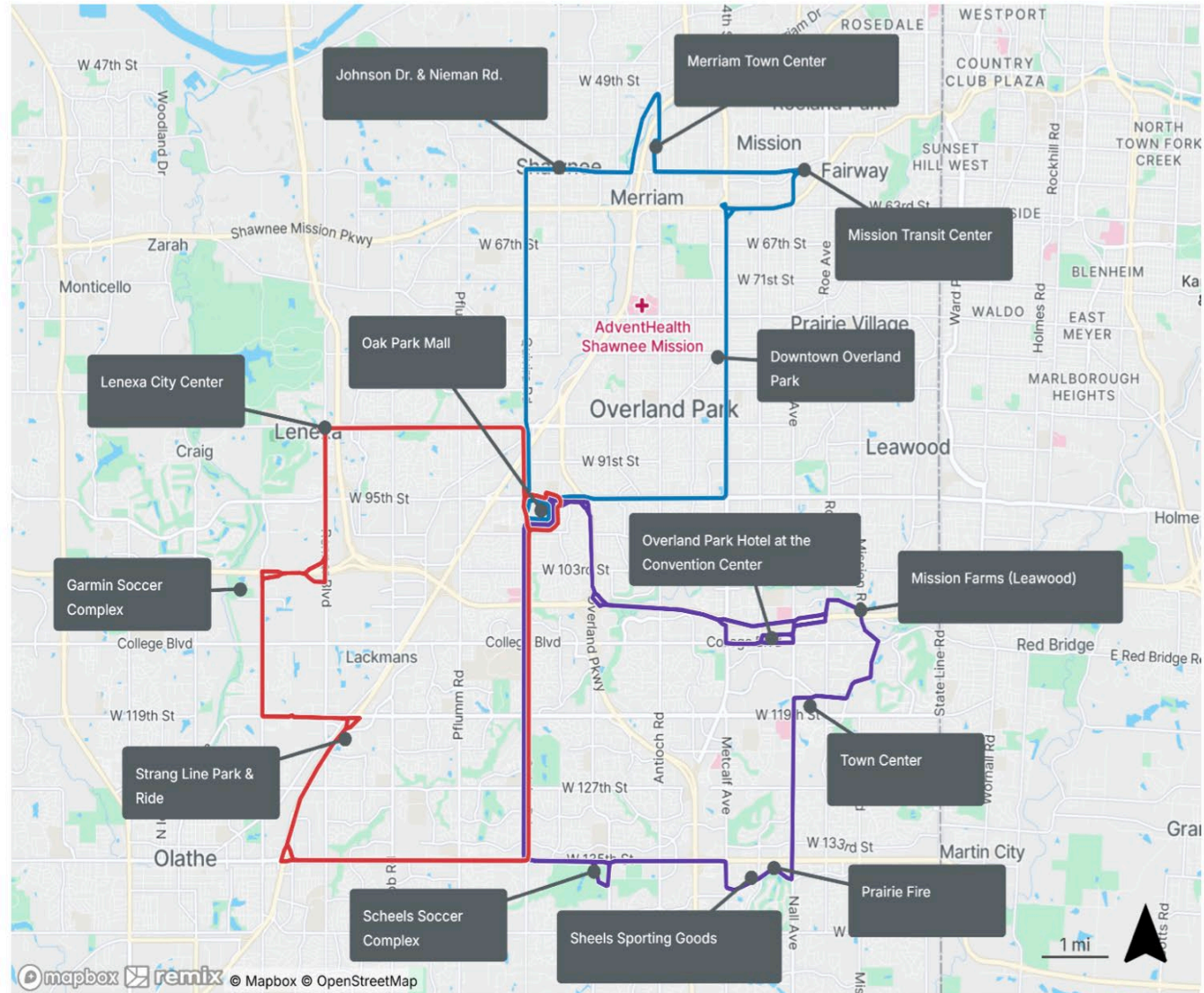
- Stops at KCI, Overland Park Convention Center and Lenexa City Center
- Expected to open in early May 2026

Region Direct Routes to KC2026 FanFest

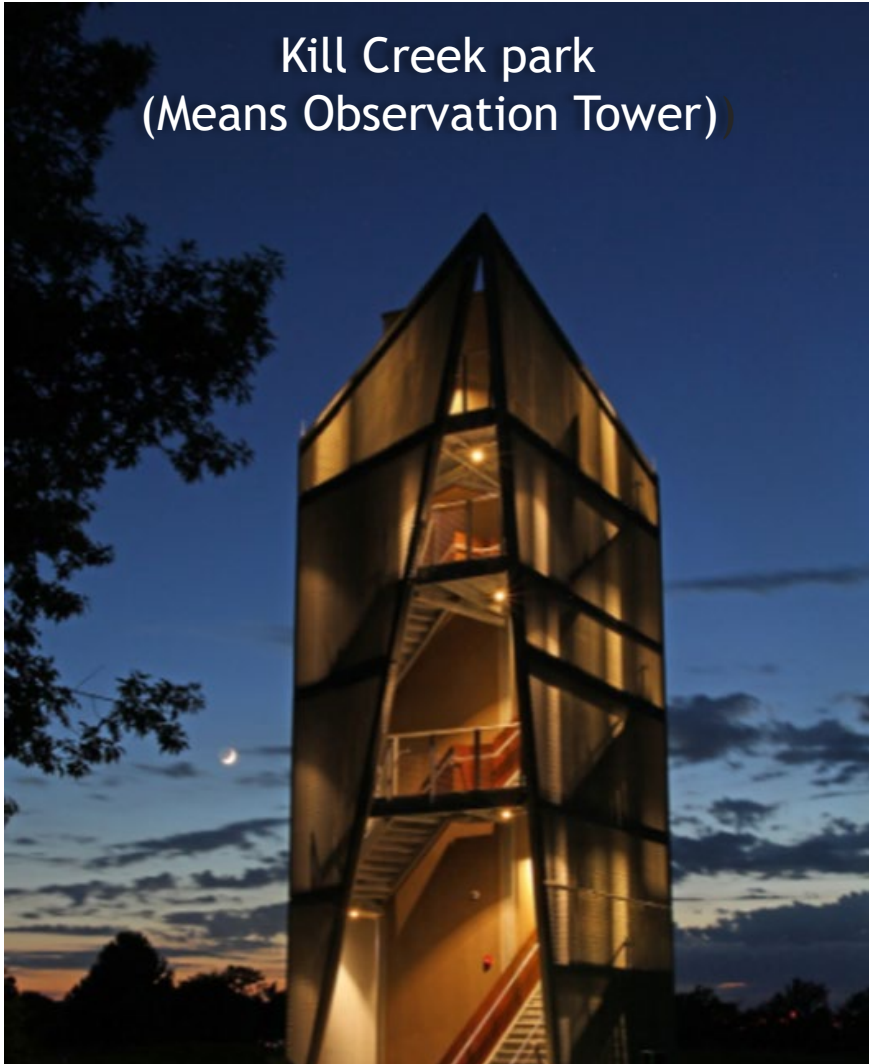
- Mission will be connection point
- Overland Park and Lenexa

# Johnson County United Link

- Each city is partnering via interlocal agreements and financial support
- Link service will have three routes overlapping at Oak Park Mall and complement existing World Cup transit initiatives and ties into the region's ConnectKC26 plan
- Service is expected for 35-42 days starting early June – Mid July in coordination with ConnectKC26
- Routes will operate both clockwise and counterclockwise with 30-45 min headways
- Up to 50 thirty five passenger leases buses will be utilized



Kill Creek park  
(Means Observation Tower)



Meadowbrook Park



Cedar Niles Park



Camp Branch



Explore Johnson County  
Parks in 2026

Antioch Park



Lake Lexington Park

