

JETS 2020 CARES Act Proposed Funding Plan



CITY OF JONESBORO, AR

JET Background

- JET has operated a fixed-route public bus system since May 2006.
- Five routes that depart from the JET Regional Transit Center.
- Loop routes operating at either 30 or 60 minute frequency.
- Service beginning 5:40/6 am.
- Last bus departing between 7/7:20 pm.
- Para-Transit for disabled who can't use fixed service.

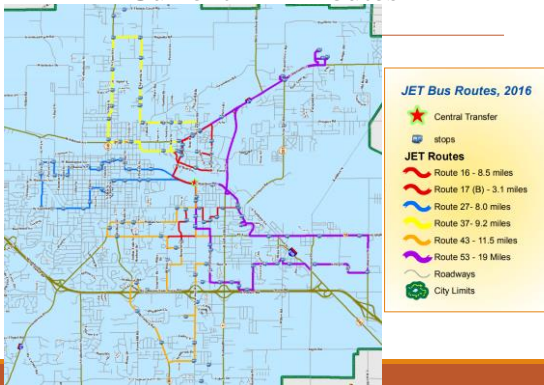
JET Background

- Ridership in 2019:
- Revenues (2020 budget):
 - Federal (5307): \$ 750,000
 - State – AHTD & Hwy Turnback: \$258,000
 - City match: \$180,000
 - Fare Revenue: \$ 86,000
 - Ad Sales: \$ 40,000
 - JET Fund Balance Transfer: \$350,960
 - TOTAL: \$1,666,960

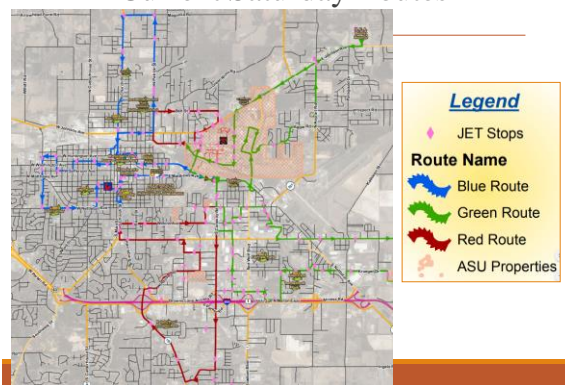
JET Background

- Local match – Current Federal 5307 Funding:
 - Operations: 50%
 - Capital improvements: 20%
 - Para-Transit: 10%

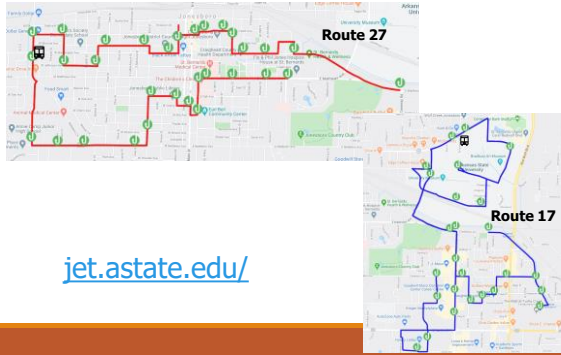
Current M-F Routes



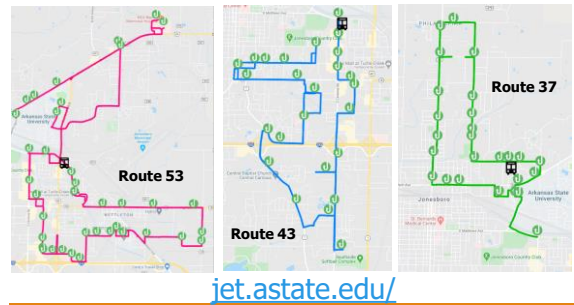
Current Saturday Routes



Bus App



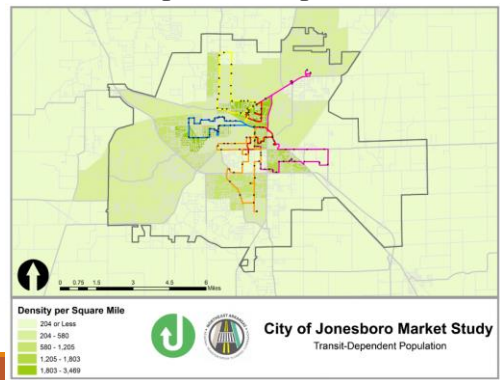
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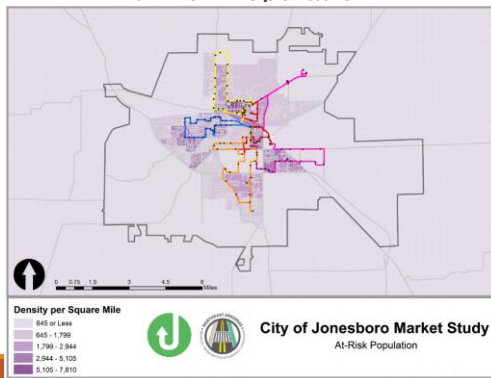
2019 JET Transit Study

- Commissioned by JET and the Northeast Arkansas Regional Transportation Planning Commission
- Developed by Alliance Transportation Group (ATG)
- Purpose: Conduct a 10-Year Transit Development Plan to assess the existing transit services and identify methods to better serve both current and future passengers.

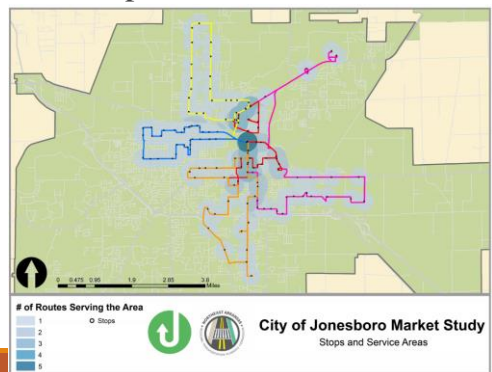
Transit-Dependent Population (TDP)



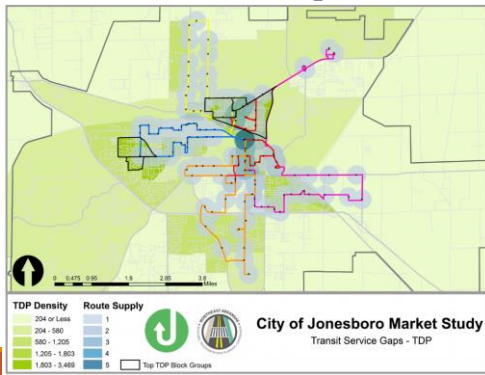
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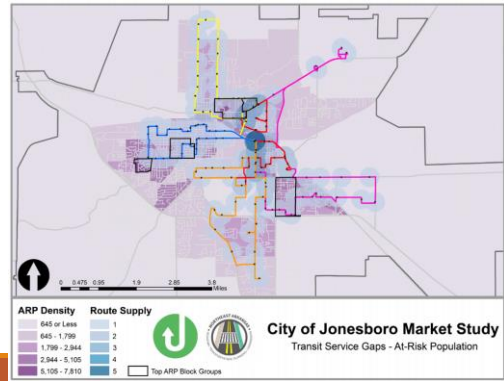
Stops and Service Areas



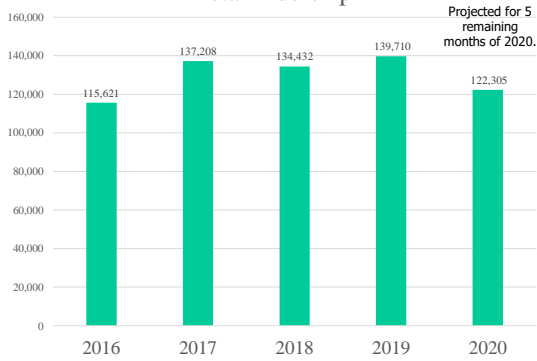
Transit Service Gaps - TDP



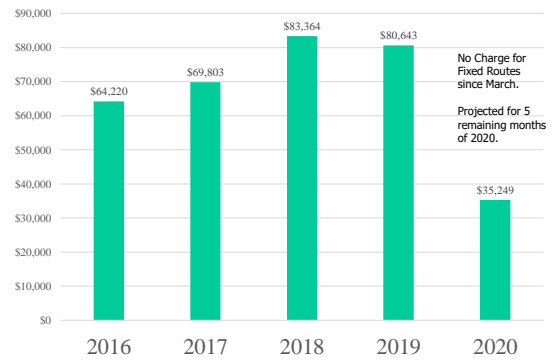
Transit Service Gaps - At-Risk Population



Total Ridership



Total Revenue



Bus Shelters - Current

- Jonesboro: 22% of stops have shelters.
 - National average: 16%
- Cost per shelter:
 - \$3,500 to \$8,500

2020 CARES Act



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2020 CARES ACT

- Provided \$2,633,991, 100% funding.
- Allowed Uses:
 - Operations
 - Fixed Assets (Buses, vehicles, other)
 - Capital Improvements:
 - Sidewalks (within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of routes)
 - Shelters, Stop Improvements
- Funds available until spent – no deadline.
 - First 36 months: May move from operations to capital improvements with no approval.

Proposed CARES Act Funding Plan

Operations:

- Replace a portion of federal 5307 operations funding:
 - CARES ACT Funds: **\$1.9 million** over next 2 ½ years
 - \$800,000/year for first two years; \$700,000 in 3rd year.
 - Current 2020 Operations budget: **\$1.6 million.**
 - Reason: Saves 50% city match on the use of federal 5307 funding.
 - Savings to City: \$950,000

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- **Equipment Purchases - \$343,759**
 - Replacement of 2 buses: \$120,000
 - Replacement of 1 Para-Transit Van: \$50,000
 - Replacement of 4 Service vehicles: \$91,159
 - Fare box: \$42,000
 - Bus Security Cameras (10/bus): \$17,000
 - Facility Security Cameras: \$18,000
 - Printer: \$5,600

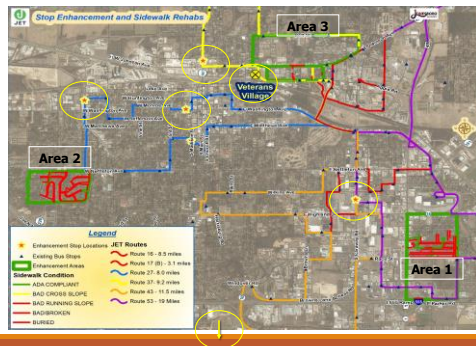


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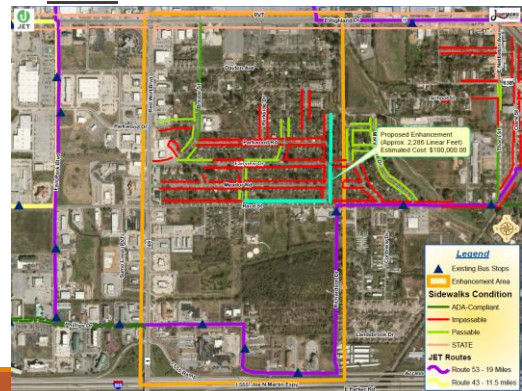
- **Capital Improvements: \$390,232**
 - Sidewalks: \$250,000
 - Stop Improvements: \$70,116
 - New Shelters: \$70,116
 - Specific areas will be based on ridership from most frequently used stops; further study of condition and usage; ADA compliance.



Stop Improvements and Sidewalk Rehab



Area 1: Sidewalk Rehab in Southeast Route 53



Area 2: Sidewalk rehab West Route 27



Area 3: Sidewalk rehab North Route 37

