



# INFRASTRUCTURE

**Vision:** *Shawnee County will build a community infrastructure that promotes learning, health, safety and growth for all residents through long-term planning and best practices.*

Heartland Visioning Strategic Plan,  
November 2008



Community Resources Council



# TRANSPORTATION

**Heartland Visioning Quality of Life Strategy F. I.** Enhance public transportation with centralized hubs and expanded bus service beyond 6 p.m., and promote ridership.

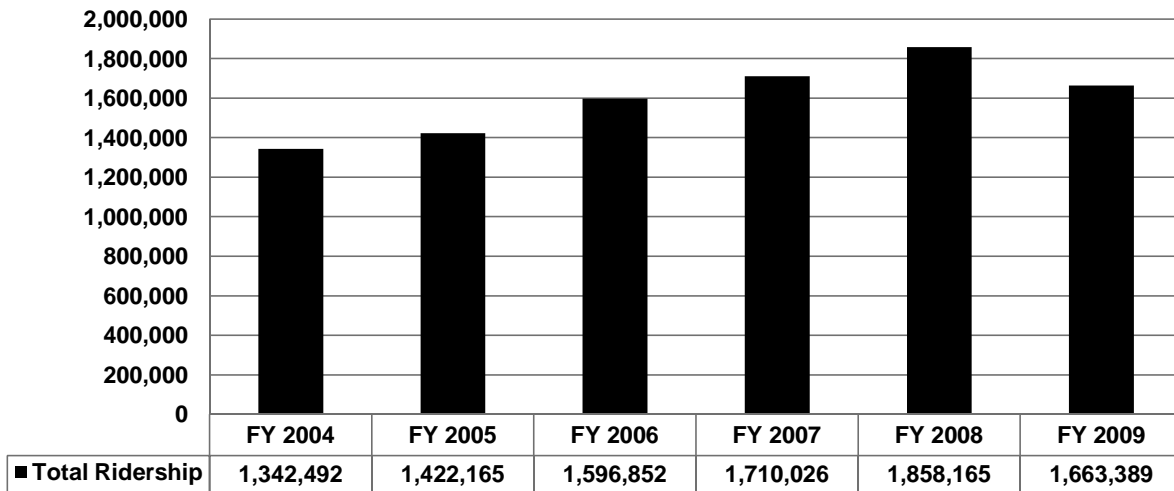
**F. 3.** Provide affordable and accessible transportation for people with disabilities.

## Transit Service

**What does this measure?** Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority Total Ridership and Ridership By Service.

**How are we doing?** Total ridership for FY2009 had 10.48% decrease. The Lift<sup>1</sup> Service continued to increase, while the Fixed Route & Evening/Sunday Service declined. An increase is positive.

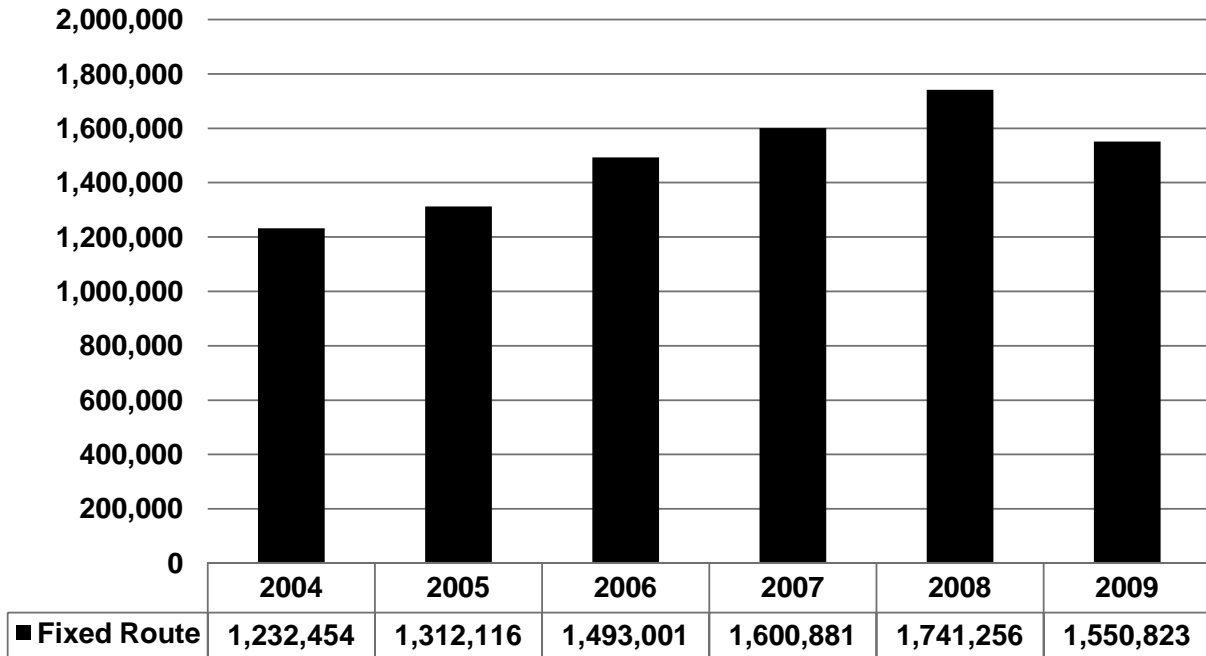
## Total Ridership



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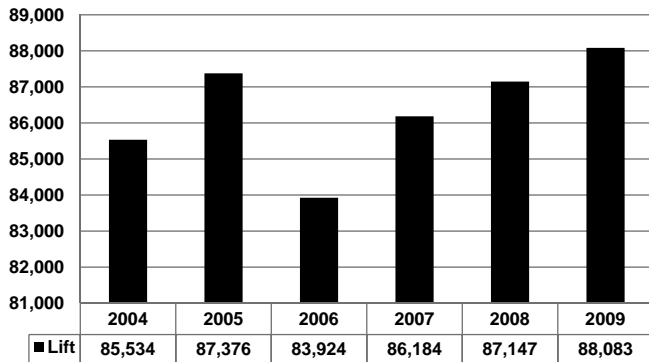
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## Fixed Route

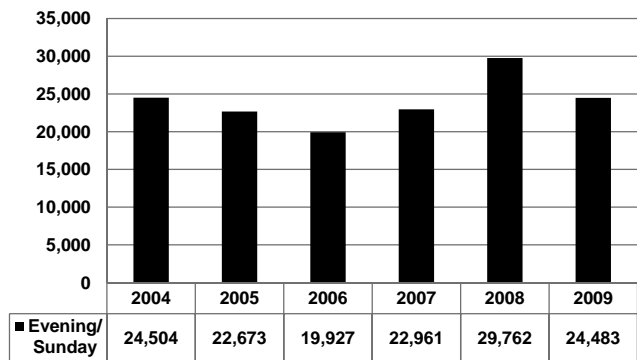


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## Lift Service



## Evening/Sunday Service



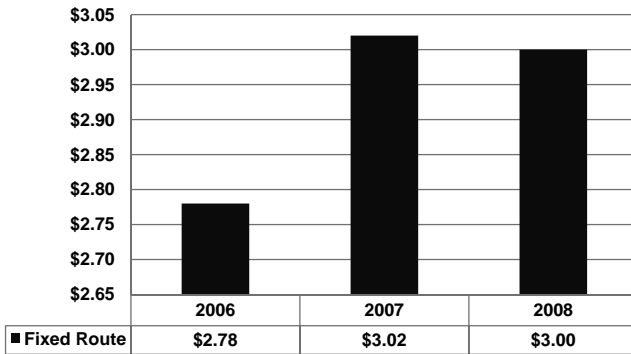
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## Fixed Route & Demand Response Cost Per Passenger

**What does this measure?** The cost per passenger to operate the Topeka Transit's Fixed Route and Demand Response as reported to National Transit Data.

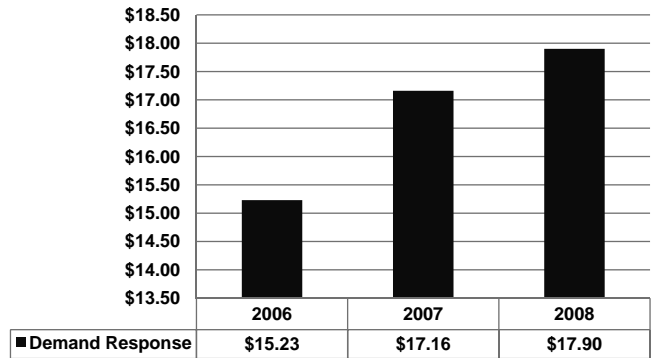
**How are we doing?** Fixed Route cost/passenger increased by 7% in 2 years; Demand Response increased by 17%.

### Fixed Route Cost/Passenger



Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority

### Demand Response Cost/Passenger



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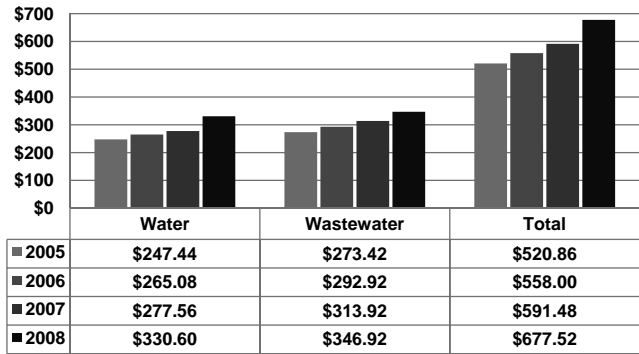


# UTILITIES

## Water

**What does this measure?** The water and wastewater average annual residential cost based upon a single family residence inside the City of Topeka using 6,000 gallons of water per month.

**How are we doing?** The cost of both water and wastewater have increased over the past 4 years.



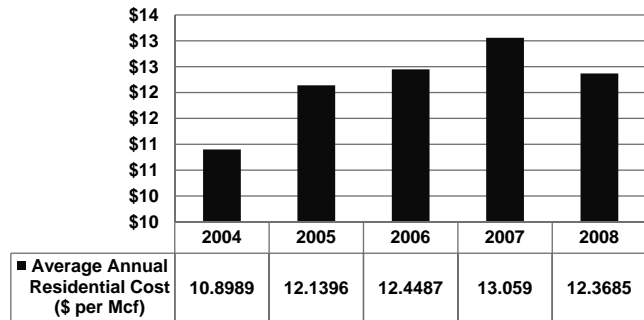
City of Topeka Water Department

## Gas

**What does this measure?** The average annual residential \$ per Mcf<sup>2</sup> as reported by the Kansas Gas Service.

**How are we doing?** After an increase in Mcf, 2008 has a decrease of 5% from the previous year.

## Average Annual Residential Cost (\$ per Mcf)



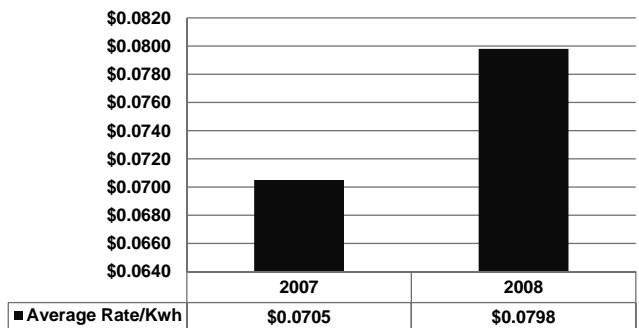
Kansas Gas Service

## Electricity

**What does this measure?** The average rate/Kwh<sup>3</sup> for the past two years as reported by Westar.

**How are we doing?** Average rate per Kwh increased 13% from the previous year.

## Average Rate/Kwh



Westar Energy

# BUILDING

## Building Permits

**What does this measure?** The total number of building permits reported in Shawnee County and The City of Topeka.

**How are we doing?** Shawnee County and The City of Topeka saw a decrease in 2008, recording a 30% decrease from 2007 in Building Permits and a 46% decrease in the number of units. Construction cost dropped 43% from 2007 to 2008. Increase in building permits is positive.

### Shawnee County

#### Single - 5 or More Family Buildings

|      | Permits | Units | Construction Cost |
|------|---------|-------|-------------------|
| 2005 | 550     | 590   | \$89,381,860      |
| 2006 | 323     | 393   | \$59,638,228      |
| 2007 | 251     | 568   | \$58,810,790      |
| 2008 | 172     | 256   | \$30,207,357      |

CenStats.census.gov - City of Topeka & Shawnee County

### Topeka

#### Single - 5 or more Family Buildings

|      | <u>Permit Co</u> | <u>Valuation</u> | <u>SQ. Footage</u> | <u>Res Units</u> | <u>Structures</u> |
|------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2005 | 497              | \$89,111,860     | 991,470            | 589              | 497               |
| 2006 | 297              | \$59,656,228     | 684,476            | 393              | 297               |
| 2007 | 315              | \$74,938,044     | 1,040,370          | 743              | 314               |
| 2008 | 151              | \$29,620,254     | 341,874            | 256              | 151               |

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## Shawnee County and City of Topeka Permits and Units

|      | SC Permits | Topeka Permits | SC Units | Topeka Units |
|------|------------|----------------|----------|--------------|
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# FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup>To use the Lift, a person must be certified as eligible according to guidelines set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in conjunction with accessibility regulations for public transit services. ADA Paratransit eligibility is based on a person's lack of functional ability to use the wheelchair accessible fixed route bus services.

<sup>2</sup> 1,000 cubic feet of gas. This is a measure of gas usage.

<sup>3</sup>The basic unit of electric energy equal to one kilowatt of power supplied to or taken from an electric circuit steadily for one hour. One kilowatt-hour equals 1,000 watt hours.

