

WICHITA TRANSIT

Trolley Services

City Council Budget Workshop Presentation

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Historical Background

- In 1993, city/private partnership
 - Five trolleys – city owned
 - Operating expenses – city/private
 - Maintained - city
- In 2000, trolley responsibility transitioned to the city
- Operations includes charters, shuttles, Christmas lights charters, etc.

Changing Times

- Federal charter regulations
 - Cannot compete with private sector for charters
 - Cannot house or maintain city-owned charter trolleys in federally-funded facility if performing charters
 - Service must be open to public
- Prior to 2005, no private competition
- After 2005, private competition is growing

Today

- Charters are almost nonexistent
- Little revenue generated
- Some overhead expenses remain
- Complaints from private trolley provider to FTA for unfair competition
- Q-Line and historical tours
 - Open to the public
 - Part of bus division, not trolley division

Proposed Trolley Operations

- Discontinue trolley division – no charters
- 2000 trolleys (2) move to bus operation
- 1993 trolleys (3) long-term lease/sell
- Continue Q-Line and historical tours as part of the bus division
- Implement other public service opportunities as they arise