

## ABSTRACT

RESEARCH PAPER: Reinventing the Jitney in St. Louis

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This study created an overview of the historical significance of jitney services in the United States and created a platform under which jitneys may be substituted for bus services in St. Louis. The evidence presented an analysis of the role that jitneys have played in connecting patrons with opportunities from many socioeconomic backgrounds and reveals the importance of the jitney as a source of income for others. Using resident addresses located Black Jack, MO, Dellwood, MO, Ferguson, MO, and Spanish Lake, MO as the origin and major employers in St. Louis, MO as the destination for trips, the study concluded that the driving time for a jitney operation would be shorter than the driving time for a MetroBus. Therefore, the mobility of transit dependent people in the above locations would be more efficient.