

# KC STREETCAR AUTHORITY™

Board of Directors of the Kansas City Streetcar Authority

September 30, 2021

Meeting Summary Minutes

Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82639116490?pwd=cHlydkxjRUhUZDh5OHM1dW1CZlIGZz09>

Downtown Council Board Room 1100 Walnut, Kansas City, MO 64106

## 1. Call to Order

Michael Collins called the meeting to order.

## 2. Approval of Previous Meeting Summary Minutes

Jon Stephens moved to approve the July 29, 2021, meeting summary minutes, Stacey Paine seconded and the motion unanimously carried.

## 3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

## 4. Streetcar Expansion Updates

Main Street Extension – Jason Waldon gave an update of the extension activities. The upgrades on Main are on schedule and plan to go through August 2022. Tom Gerend said he was excited about the conclusion of 100% of the design and the meetings about Guaranteed Max Price are happening. The notice to proceed was issued to CAF for the vehicles.

Donna Mandelbaum added that public engagement is continuing. There was a City officials bus tour of the construction and Rail World Track Talks will be at different locations on the route to engage the public on construction,

Riverfront Extension- Tom Gerend reported that the cost estimates for the riverfront extension have been updated. The cost updates will require an amended agreement that will be inclusive of revised cost and local match contributions. The additional contribution from KCSA was previously approved by the Board of Directors in the form of project contingency. If project contingency is unspent, proportional allocations will return to the project funders.

Mr. Gerend said that there is an Executive Management meeting every Monday to monitor construction cost. Russ Johnson asked what are the biggest risks? Mr. Gerend said the corridor between 2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> Streets and the Bridge.

Jon Copaken moved to approve amending the Riverfront Streetcar Project Agreement, inclusive of revised costs and local match contribution, Jon Stephens seconded and motion passed unanimously.

East/West High-Capacity Transit Study- Tom Gerend reported that early discussions are underway to build funding partnerships to support an east-west high capacity/streetcar study. The University of Kansas Health System requested a study to look at opportunities for improved connectivity with KU MED and regional medical complexes with Kansas City, Missouri. There are initial indications of strong support from RideKC, Mayor Lucas, elected officials, KU Med and the Unified Government/KCK.

Michael Collins added the conversations surrounding East-West are important. David Johnson added that the KCATA is motivated to participate and hopes it will go to Rock Island.

Matt Staub moved to approve KCSA contribution of an amount not to exceed \$75K to the East/West high-capacity/streetcar study that is contingent on comparable contributions from additional project partners, Lynn Carlton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

North Kansas City Feasibility Study- Proposals for the NorthRail Streetcar study were received on September 20, 2021. The contract will be awarded in November with an anticipated Notice to Process (NTP) in early December.

### ***5. Operations and Maintenance Support***

Tom Gerend said as the Streetcar system expands and transition from construction of extensions to operation, KCSA has a contractual obligation to maintain and support operations and maintenance for the existing system. A memo was included in the Board members meeting packet that provided an overview of our current operations and maintenance contract and outlines scenarios that the Board of Directors consider to be able to support operations and maintenance of a larger system.

Mr. Gerend proposed to form a formal working group, inclusive of direct agency stakeholders (KCSA, KCMO, MTDD and KCATA) to evaluate the alternatives and develop a proposal for the KCSA Board of Directors full consideration.

David Johnson moved to approve authorizing the Executive Director to convene a multi-agency task force for the purpose of reviewing alternatives and forming recommendations related to securing long-term operations and maintenance support for an expanded KC Streetcar system, Stacey Paine seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **6. Committee Reports**

#### ***Operations Committee***

Lauren Krutty gave a recap of the Operations Committee meeting. TSA extended mask guidelines to January 2022. Mask Compliance has been good. The team will continue with the COVID-19 mitigations that are in place.

Ms. Krutty said that ridership is recovering at 50% of where we were in 2019, prior to the pandemic.

Track slab repairs will continue until it is too cold for the material to be effective. She shared pictures of the track slab construction and the tactile replacement.

Major Gates reported that KCPD and KCSA have been in meetings with Bird Scooter about creating a public education safety awareness program.

#### ***Marketing Committee***

Donna Mandelbaum reported on the Marketing Committee meeting. There will be an Art in the Loop closing reception on November 4, 2021 and she invited the Board to attend. Jon Stephens complimented staff on execution of the Art in the Loop program. KCSA has new partnership with Lead to Read and participated in Downtown Neighborhood Association PARK(ing) Day. She shared pictures of the day.

Ms. Mandelbaum added the Marketing committee is in the process of creating revised sponsorship guidelines, benefits, and pricing structure.

### ***Budget and Finance***

Stacy Paine gave the Budget and Finance Committee recap. She said they discussed the Regional CARES Act allocations and expansion updates.

Tom Gerend said that the annual financial audit is complete, and staff is waiting on the draft report from the auditors. It will be brought to the next Board meeting for approval.

Mr. Gerend said that the Main Street TDD is sending reimbursement for the funds that the Board budgeted to help with the transition.

Tom Gerend reported that the finances are in good shape and are trending favorable. June 2021 financial statements were included in the Board Members' meeting packets for their review.

Jon Stephens moved to accept both financial reports, Russ Johnson seconded, and the motion carried.

### **7. Executive Director's report**

Tom Gerend announced that Ralph Davis has joined the team as extension support.

Tom Gerend is traveling in the next two months. He will attend the KC Chamber of Commerce Leadership trip to Salt Lake, UT and the APTA Streetcar Committee meeting in Florida.

Mr. Gerend reminded the Board that there will be a KCSA Board Main St. Construction bus tour. The TDD and KCATA Board of Directors have been invited to attend. Donna Mandelbaum added that the KC Water work is 70% complete.

### **8. Closed Meeting**

Russ Johnson moved to vote to temporarily close this meeting to the public, pursuant to our authority to do so under subsections 1, 11, 12 and 12 of Section 610.021 of the Missouri Statutes- which authorize the Authority to close its meetings to the extent the discussion relates to any confidential or privileged communications with its attorney, sealed bids or proposals or related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract or specifications for competitive bidding or employees or applicants for employment, and that the meeting be re-opened upon the conclusion of those discussions. Jon Copaken seconded, Michael Collins, George Guastello, David Johnson, Jan Marcason, Stacey Paine, Susan Ford-Robertson, Matt Staub, Jon Stephens, Jason Swords voted voice affirmative.

**11.** The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2021 , via Zoom conferencing.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Board Members Attending**

Lynn Carlton  
Michael Collins  
George Guastello  
David Johnson  
Jan Marcason  
Stacey Paine  
Susan Ford-Robertson  
Matt Staub  
Jon Stephens  
Jason Swords

**Others attending**

Liam Dai- Public  
Daniel Gates, KCPD  
Tom Gerend, KCSA  
Ebony Jackson, KCSA  
Lauren Krutty, KCSA  
Angie Laurie, KCMO  
Donna Mandelbaum, KCSA  
Charlie Miller, Lewis Rice  
Zach Sweets, Main Street TDD