

Board of Directors of the Kansas City Streetcar Authority

March 31, 2022

Meeting Summary Minutes

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600 E. 3rd Street, Kansas City, MO 64106

1. Call to Order

Michael Collins called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Summary Minutes

Jan Marcason moved to approve the January 27, 2022 meeting summary minutes upon legal review, David Johnson seconded, and the motion unanimously carried.

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

4. Streetcar Expansion Updates

A. Main Street Extension – Jason Waldon gave an update of the extension activities. The upgrades on Main are progressing and are nearing completion. The construction schedule is to work strategically, and track and utility work have been organized into seven segments. Crews will strive to complete the track work in one section before moving to the next. Work will start on the northern end of the line at Pershing Road and continue southbound throughout track construction.

He discussed the 15 new station stops and said while the design for most of the stops are similar to the downtown stop, the station stops design at the Plaza transit center and the UMKC Terminus are different. Pictures of those two station stops were shown to the Board. In response to a question raised about the maintenance of the green space, Mr. Waldron said that the grass will be low maintenance buffalo grass that only has to be maintained 1-2 times a year.

Tom Gerend added that a parcel at 38th and Baltimore was acquired in 2020 to install a TPSS and to support Maintenance of Way activities for the extension. The property will be fenced, screened, and landscaped, as well as the existing sidewalk will be replaced as part of the project. KCMO City Council approved purchasing two additional streetcar vehicles.

Donna Mandelbaum said that there was an open house public meeting held on March 30 at Drexel Hall. The Groundbreaking for the Main Street Extension will be on April 6 at 11:00 am. It will be at Pershing Road and Main Street.

b. Riverfront Extension and Bike/Ped Update – Ralph Davis reported that activity for the Riverfront Extension is picking up steam. The terminus is officially going to mid-river and will be funded by KCMO and KCATA. He gave an update on the Bike/Ped Bridge. It is anticipated to be 60% complete by the end of the summer and 100% by construction.

c. East/West High Capacity Transit Study

Tom Gerend said the study kicked off in March. The consultant team is HNTB, HDR, and Parson Associates. Public outreach is planning to start in late April.

d. North Rail Extension

Lauren Krutty reported that the North Rail study kicked off in December 2021. They are in the process of refining reasonable alternatives. Public outreach has started. There will be focus group sessions the week of April 13-19. An online self-guided workshop will launch Mid-April.

5. Committee Reports

Operations Committee

Lauren Krutty said that the TSA extended mask guidelines to April 18, Mask Compliance has been good. The team will continue with the COVID-19 mitigations that are in place.

Ms. Krutty said on March 25, ridership hit 9.9m passenger trips since opening day. Ridership is showing a strong recovery of where it was prior to the pandemic. Trends show that our ridership is up in the last hour of service and on weekends. Service hours have been extended to 11:00pm Sunday through Thursday and 1:00am Friday and Saturday.

The flooring repairs on fleet 801-804 are 50% complete with the third car starting on March 26. The maintenance team is preparing for spring track slab repairs.

Marketing Committee

Donna Mandelbaum reported on the marketing and communication activities. KCSA issued a call for artists for Black History (Feb) and Women History (March), which resulted in 6 Art installations at station stops. They will be up until Art in the Loop installations.

New sponsorships and advertising include Visit KC (Basketball Streetcar and 2 station stops), KC Cauldron Streetcar wrap and a Boulevardia Streetcar wrap. The Boulevardia agreement is from April 23-June 19, 2022. Pictures of the wrapped streetcar were shown.

Ms. Mandelbaum said the Rail Weld, Call for Art and added service hours drove a very high regional TV and radio media hits.

There are three public outreach efforts that staff is participating with; North Rail, East-West Transit Study and Riverfront + Bike/Ped Bridge.

Budget and Finance Committee

Stacey Paine said the Budget and Finance Committee met on February 23, 2022. They went over the updated financials, and they are in good shape. The February reports were included in the Board packets for their review. Jon Copaken moved to approve the report, Lynn Carlton seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Gerend said that the amount KCSA will receive from Cares Act has been determined to be \$524K but the American Rescue Plan amount has not. He will keep the Board updated.

7. Executive Director's report

Tom Gerend said the team was honored with the TSA Gold Standard Award. Michael Collins thanked the team for their safety leadership.

Staff will be travelling to the Community Streetcar Coalition conference in May.

8. Closed Meeting

Michael Collins moved to vote to temporarily close this meeting to the public, pursuant to our authority to do so under subsections 1, 11, and 12 of Section 610.021 of the Missouri Statutes - which authorizes 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, any documents related to a negotiated contract or specifications for competitive bidding, or employees and that the meeting be reopened to the public upon conclusion of those discussions. Jan Marcason seconded the motion. A roll call of following board members voted to go into closed session: Lynn Carlton, Michael Collins, Jon Copaken, George Guastello, David Johnson, Russ Johnson, Jan Marcason, Edward Merriman, Stacey Paine, Matt Stab, Jon Stephens and Jason Swords. No board members voted against the motion.

11. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022 via Zoom conferencing and in person at the VMF.

The meeting was adjourned.

Board Members Attending

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

Others attending

- Ralph Davis, KCSA
- Tom Gerend, KCSA
- Ebony Jackson, KCSA
- Lauren Krutty, KCSA
- Angie Laurie, KCMO
- Donna Mandelbaum, KCSA
- Gil Melgajero, HTSI
- Jason Waldron, KCMO