

Board of Directors of the Kansas City Streetcar Authority

May 24, 2024

Meeting Summary Minutes

Zoom <https://kcstreetcar-org.zoom.us/j/81135807419?pwd=dXdXdaUFREQXFFOEtXUTVsZjFEEd25vZz09>

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 March 21, 2024 meeting summary minutes, Jon Copaken seconded and the motion carried.

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments. Michael Collins welcomed the newest board of director, Ruben Alonzo to the KC Streetcar Authority's Board. He is representing Main Street TDD.

4. Streetcar Expansion Updates

Main Street Extension

Tom Gerend said that great progress is happening on Main. He encouraged everyone to drive the alignment to see the progress. Overall Construction is 74% complete. A drone video of the double crossover at UMKC was shared, as well as pictures of the construction on Main.

Where the new system meets the starter line is called the Pershing Crossover. The team has been working for months on construction and planning. When the two lines are tied together, there will be an impact to the existing service. It will be necessary for Downtown service to have an outage for approximately 3 weeks in September. Service will be supplemented with a bus bridge during the outage.

3 out of 5 Traction Power Substations (TPS) have been delivered. Continuing the process of commissioning the new fleet. 807 + 808 have arrived. Subsequent cars will be delivered 3-4 weeks after.

The plan is to retro fit the existing fleet to add the upgrades that new fleet have:

- Passenger Information System modernization
- Exterior lighting
- Door push buttons
- Train-to-Wayside Communication
- Advanced Driver Assistance System (ADAS)
- Dampers on flip-up seats
- Compressor upgrades
- Truck (bogie)
- All new interior

Riverfront Extension

Ralph Davis added that contractors, Radmacher Brothers Excavating, have started working and made some progress on OCS foundation and poles. He reminded the Board that the construction on the Riverfront Extension is expected to last 24 months. Initial phase 1 of work will be along Riverfront Drive. They have removed the pergola, will relocate some utilities and long with clearing and removing the Track work to start mid-June 2024. The second phase of work will happen between September -November 2024. Currently the plan is for Grand Ave viaduct to be closed for 58 days, starting in Septemeber2024. A drone video and some photos were shared of the construction.

OCS Poles Progress

31% Complete*

*Completed as of April 30, 2024



The Streetcar Cables System (OCS) is a collection of poles and associated electrical power systems. To ensure that the 45 full poles are installed and operational for the project, the poles will be installed in a phased manner. When there is a need for additional poles, the poles will be installed using the foundation and the existing poles.



OCS Foundation Progress

94% Complete*

*Completed as of April 30, 2024



The OCS Foundation is a collection of poles and associated electrical power systems. To ensure that the 45 full poles are installed and operational for the project, the poles will be installed in a phased manner. When there is a need for additional poles, the poles will be installed using the foundation and the existing poles.



Tom Gerend added that the initial introduction to KCMO City Council for the appropriation of the resources for the non-revenue track improvements, is starting today. It will have to go to TI&O. The grant and letter agreement have already been executed.

Mr. Gerend reminded the Board that to get to Riverfront project to construction that some sacrifices had to be made to the scope. One of them was the end of line station design. With all the development that has been announced, Staff feels strongly that an aggressively look at what the end of line experience is for our riders and how does the station functionally align with the importance of the location. With partners Port KC, the goal is to work with Burns and Mac to create an alternative design for a more robust station stop.

6. Committee Reports

A. Operations Committee

Lauren Krutty shared ridership summary. She said that April was very strong.

- April Monthly Ridership: 168,869
- 2024 Average Daily Ridership: 4,758
- 2024 Total Ridership as of 4/30: 575,769
- Total Ridership (2016-2024): 13,605,250

Base service remains the same for the summer with boosted service for events.

Boosted event service:

- 5-car KC Current Games (Fr, Sa, and Su)
- Celebration at the Station (5/26)
- Stars and Stripes (7/4)

Mrs. Krutty said that the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) contract with Herzog Transit Services, Inc expires April 2026. The goal is to target this fall to post a RFP for the O & M agreement. KCATA is assisting with the FTA provisions and procurement support.

Tom Gerend said the KCPD Off-Duty Coordinator, Maj. Daniel Gates, is retiring this summer. He has been a huge advocate for us and a great team member. He is leading the effort to suggest his successor. Mr. Gerend added that feedback was received from KCPD about the agreement that the Board agreed to execute about staffing a full-time KCPD officer. They are talking about fundamental changes to the agreement, and they are not able to implement the agreement as it has been executed. He will bring back an amendment agreement or new agreement in a future board meeting. It will cost more than the last agreement, but he hasn't received it yet, to know the details.

As the system grows the need to supplement to the base off-duty safety and security program with contract security is necessary. The arrangement with off-duty KCPD Officers and the Downtown CID has worked well. The CID is limited in geographic location and is not scalable as the system grows.

Robert McCormack moved to authorize posting a competitive procurement for contract security service, Alissia Canady seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Marketing Committee

Donna Mandelbaum gave the Marketing Committee update. d 2024 to-date there are \$1852, 025 Sponsorship contracts. Three annual agreements with the KC Library, KC Power & Light District and the KC Current. Five short term agreements, Sporting KC, Kemper Museum of Art, Kansas City Zoo, HCA (end March 31) and Visit KC (Basketball and NCAA Wrestling), FNBO (5 months) and United Way (1 month)

Art in the Loop selections have been made. Installation of artwork starts the week of June 10. The opening reception is June 12. There are both visual and forming arts projects. 1 Streetcar, 5-6 streetcar stops, 4 stops 2D visual art, a live painting and 1 stop for 3D art.

There was a great event in April and 4 upcoming that the Streetcar is collaborating with partners.

- MADE MOBB Collaboration: 4/24 - 5/3
- KC Zoo Streetcar Reveal: 5/31
- Pride Ride + City Market Jam: 6/21
- Art in the Loop Streetcar Reveal + Ride: 7/17
- Kemper Streetcar Community Celebration: July

C. Budget and Finance Committee

Tom Gerend said that March Financial Management reports were included in the Board Packets. The highlights are that we are trending in line with the budget.

Stacey Paine moved to accept the March financial report, Jan Marcason seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Gerend said that HTSI currently rents an apartment in Commerce Tower that is used for a layover, restroom and breakroom for the downtown service. It was imbedded in the O&M contract. It has worked well for them. As we grow the system will not be a viable option. Other locations have been explored as options. A space in Union Station has been determined to be the perfect location. It is the hold TSA office. It is in the middle of the route and has its own entrance. KCSA will contract for the space, and it will offset the amount contracted with HTSI.

The Budget and Finance committee approved authorizing the executive director to execute an office lease with Union Station for the purpose of operations and maintenance support of the expanded system, Jon Copaken seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gerend said the State of Missouri agreed to roll the \$1M allocation to support state-funded expansion planning activities to FY24. He asked for approval to accept it.

The Budget and Finance Committee approved authorizing the executive director to execute the grant agreement with the State of Missouri for \$1m to support state-funded expansion planning activities, Ruben Alonzo seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Executive Director's report

Mr. Gerend announced:

Lauren Krutty is being promoted to Director of Operations and Planning.

The team is excited to welcome 2 interns Hanna Crain, Marketing and Elliott Smith, Planning, next week.

There will be a service that will be suspended in September for the System tie-in.

The Grand Ave will be closed for Riverfront Extension construction in September.
Here was a successful visit with FTA headquarters in April.

9. Jan Marcason 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, Alissia Canady seconded the motion. A roll call of following board members voted to go into closed session: Michael Collins, Ruben Alonzo, Alissia Canady, Jon Copaken, Robert Mc Cormack, Jan Marcason, David Johnon and Stacey Paine. No board members voted against the motion.

A roll Call vote of the following members voted to go into closed session: George Gustello, Mike Hagedorn, Russ Johnson, Jeff Krum, Jan Marcason, Edward Merriman, Matt Staub. No board members voted against the motion.

10. The next meeting will be held on July 25, 2024, in person at VMF 600 E. 3rd St., Kansas City, MO 64106 with a virtual Zoom option.

Board Members Attending

Rueben Alonzo
Councilman Eric Bunch
Alissia Canady
Michael Collins
Jon Copaken
David Johnson
Robert McCormack
Stacey Paine

Others attending

Ralph Davis, KCSA
Tom Gerend, KCSA
Ebony Jackson, KCSA
Angie Laurie, KCMO
Donna Mandelbaum, KCSA
Jan Marcason, Main Street TDD
Doug Stone, Lewis Rice