

**Board of Directors of the Kansas City Streetcar Authority**  
**September 25, 2025, Meeting Summary Minutes**  
600 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 July 31, 2025 meeting summary minutes, Stacey Paine seconded and the motion carried.

**3. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**4. Main Street Extension Update**

**A. Construction**

Jason Waldron said the project is 99% complete. There will be crews around to finish things on the punch list. Much of the work remaining is at UMKC and the Plaza stops. Some of the work was added items from the base contract. The pavement markings became a critical path but will be complete soon. He said the community is already respecting transit only lane signs and marking. In response to a question raised about the red paint durability, Mr. Waldron said it will be an ongoing maintenance task. There was a discussion around traffic signals. The project is on time and on budget. Some pictures were shared.



**B. Rail Activation**

Lauren Krutty said that they have completed all the pre-requisite phases (System Integrated Testing and Pre-Revenue Operations (PRO)). Service simulation will continue until Grand Opening.

- Downtown overlay service simulation (this weekend)
- Grand Opening service simulation (next weekend)
- Expanded hours and shift modifications (October 8)

She thanked Angie Laurie and the team for submitting the SSCVR paperwork on time to the oversight team that had to be sent 30 days prior to opening.

**C. Grand Opening**

Tom Gerend for many around the Board of Director's table the Main Street Extension has been a 9-year proposition from the start of conversation to now. He thanked the Directors and everyone should take a breath and pat themselves

on their back. This is a generation reconnection.

He gave an update on the Grand Opening activities.

- Grand Opening Ceremony (Service will start immediately after)
  - Friday, October 24, 10:00 a.m.
  - Location: Plaza Streetcar Stop
- Community Celebration – Day 1
  - Friday, October 24, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.
  - Location: UMKC Streetcar Stop
- Community Celebration – Day 2
  - Saturday, October 25, 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.
  - Location: Murray Davis Park at 40th & Main Street

Mr. Gerend said they are making good progress on the fundraising. He reminded the Directors that sponsorships are still available.

Donna Mandelbaum said they have several collaborations for the Grand Opening. They collaborated with MADE MOBB on streetcar swag (Shirts, Hats and Tote Bags). Items will be available to purchase in their store in the Crossroads, as well as for the KC Streetcar team. They are working with Brass & Boujee on a hype song and video for the Grand Opening.

## 5. Riverfront Extension Update

Ralph Davis gave the update on the Riverfront Extension. He said Riverfront is moving along. The project is on schedule and on budget.

- Overall Project is 92% Complete
- Construction work is on schedule.
- Rail is 100% complete.
- Shelters and Markers are Installed.
- Construction of two-way cycle track on Grand is complete without glass.
- OCS bracket and wire installation is in process.
- Post & Chain are currently being installed in the Riverfront Park area.
- System Testing scheduled for late Fall

He said most of the work is being done at night and shared pictures.



The next phase is System Integration Testing (SIT). While the Riverfront Extension is not as long as Main Street, the testing phase is the same. They plan to start testing in the next few weeks. There is not an opening date for Riverfront yet, but they are planning for first Quarter 2026.

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## 6. Riverfront Pavilion Project Update

Tom Gerend gave an update on Riverfront Pavilion project. He said the KCSA/PortKC Improvement Station Area study is complete as well as the environmental assessment. The progressive design-build procurement is complete. The PortKC Board approved the authorization to proceed. The Pavilion Project is fully funded (Federal HUD grant, via Port KC) at this time and in position to proceed. The sponsorship for naming rights is in process.

### Next Steps

- Execute Contracts (PortKC)
- Refine design intent with partners (PortKC, KCSA, KCMO, KCATA) in next 60 days
- Construction to start later this fall.
- Complete related maintenance agreements
- KCSA (Ralph Davis) will support PM activities from KCSA side and ensure coordination with ongoing Riverfront Project.

The renderings for the feasibility study were shared. Mr. Gerend said the team feels like they will be able to come close to the intent. The team will start to refine the details.



## 7. Committee Reports

### A. Operations and Maintenance

David Johnson said he is proud of the team for keeping testing on track, because it is an undervalued part of the process. The entire team has done a fantastic job with keeping downtown operations going while working integrating the Main Street Extension. Lauren Krutty thanked David Johnson for his leadership of the Operations Committee.

Lauren Krutty gave the Operations and Maintenance update. The Operations Control Center (OCC) has been activated. There is a supervisor in the control center at all times to help with the flow of service.



She highlighted that Mike Costello was nominated as the MPTA Operator of the Year.

Mrs. Krutty recapped the September Outage. The outage was from September 8-12. They performed preventive maintenance on the new Delaware Bridge, coordinated with Riverfront construction work and yard outage, and performed 9<sup>th</sup> Street intersection repairs overnight. There was a bus bridge running.

The Security Team is expanding. There has been an uptick in KCPD off-duty shift coverage. As part of the Main Street Extension ramp up, contract security with Titan has increased to have on board presence. The hiring process for a second KCPD full-time position has started. The new position of KCSA Director of Safety and Security has been selected and will start in October.

Tom Gerend said there are conversations about World Cup going on. . There are weekly meetings on World Cup preparations. Streetcar is working with the World Cup host committee on surge streetcar service for the entirety of fan fest. Streetcar is a fundamental component of the transportation plan. He is confident that agreements for the Operation Plan to support the additional service needs will be agreed on soon.

There are three areas of agreement that will be formalized in the next 4 months.

- Operations and Service
- Safety and Security
- Marketing and Sponsorship

Donna Mandelbaum added that conversations with the KC2026 team for months on marketing and sponsorship. They gave a draft agreement that hasn't been signed. The sponsorship agreement will start in December in anticipation of the announcement of the teams that will be playing in Kansas City. They want two wrapped streetcars for the announcement and will add to wrapped streetcar count as well as station stops in 2026.

## B. Marketing

Donna Mandelbaum gave the Marketing report. She discussed sponsorship contracts to date.

- 2025 Sponsorship Contracts to Date: \$635,275 (\$237,250 increase from last board meeting)
  - University of Kansas: 3 stops, \$8,125\*
  - Truman Library: 1 stop, 3 months, \$12,000
  - FNBO: 2 stops, 3 months each, \$19,500
  - Kansas City University: 1 stop, 2 months, \$8,000
  - Visit KC: \$2,700 (1 stop, 1 month)
  - KC Current: \$338,400 (multi-year, multi-streetcar)
  - Chiefs: \$1,500 (4-day streetcar takeover) Complete

- Nelson-Atkins: \$10,500 (1 stop, 3 months) \*\*
- UMKC: \$145,000 (1 stop, 1 streetcar, 12 months)
- HDR: \$6,500 (1 stop, 2 months)
- Chappell Roan: \$5,000 (1 streetcar, 2 weeks)
- KC 2026 FIFA World Cup: \$223,000
  - WW1 Museum & Memorial: In Process (*not included in above total*)

There was a discussion around the Chapel Rhone wrapped Streetcar and where it fell in the eligibility guidelines.

Ms. Mandelbaum said they have been doing a lot of public education about the Main Street Extension, transit only lanes. She played the latest Respect the Rail video for the Board Members. They are working on 3 more videos.

There have been several events that she highlighted.

- Art in the Loop had a successful summer with an Art Walk, Stop installations and on-board performances.
- 816 Day participation
- Oppenstein Park performance

She invited everyone to the Art in the Loop closing reception on October 2, 2025 at the Downtown library.

They have a new collaboration called the Main Street Movie Club. It started in April and they are encouraging people to hop on the streetcar together and ride to the B&B Movie theater on Main. They watch a movie together and they together and discuss it. It is like a book club.

#### Budget and Finance

Tom Gerend said that the monthly financial reports are in your packets. There was a lag in wrapping up the end of the fiscal year. He said the financials are good and in a stronger position than this time last year.

Stacey Paine moved to accept the monthly financial reports, Robert McCormack seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **8. Director's Recognition**

Tom Gerend said today is David Johnson's last meeting. He thanked him from the Board and Staff. He said KC would not have a streetcar if it was not for David. He was instrumental in the formation of KC Streetcar Authority. Other Directors shared great David Johnson transit advocacy stories.

David Johnson recognized people who helped him get started in streetcar advocacy. Thanked everyone for bringing their voices to the table. This will not be his last stop in transit advocacy; he is still on RTA.

He was presented with a framed Main Street Extension grand opening poster.

David Johnson nominated Lynn Carlton to be a KC Streetcar Authority Private Director.

Tom Gerend said only private directors can vote.

David Johnson moved to approve appointing, Lynn Carlton as a Private Director effective at the December Board meeting, Stacey Paine seconded, Michael Collins, George Guastello, David Johnson, Edward Merriman and Stacey Paine voted yes. The motion carried.

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

Tom Gerend said the Security Director position will be progressing.

Thanked George Guastello for Union Station's Newest History Exhibit "Connecting Kansas City- Past and Future" It highlights Kansas City Streetcar Transportation, culminating with the New Streetcar Extension. He encouraged everyone to go visit.

Conversations with UMKC are going on for a restroom layover by the UMKC stop.

He and Michael Collins are trying to figure out the best way to have to converse around choosing future expansions.

KCSA participated in the KCATA Regional Fare Study.

## **10. Closed Meeting**

There wasn't a closed meeting.

**11.** The next meeting will be held on December 11, 2025, in person at VMF 600 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Kansas City, MO 64106 with a virtual Zoom option.

### **Board Members Attending**

Alissia Canady

Michael Collins

Jon Copaken

David Johnson

Jan Marcason

Robert McCormack

Edward Merriman

Stacey Paine

Jon Stephens

Jason Swords

### **Others attending**

Ralph Davis, KCSA

Gabi Exendine-KCSA

Tom Gerend, KCSA

Councilwoman Melissa Patterson-Hazley, KCMO

Caroline Hogan, KSHB

Ebony Jackson, KCSA

Angie Laurie, KCMO

Donna Mandelbaum, KCSA

Gilberto Melgarejo, HTSI

Eric Rorstrom, KCSA

Jon Schlegel, HTSI

Doug Stone, Lewis Rice

Jason Waldron, KCMO